

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
28 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
further notice.

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
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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
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

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

Tuesday 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

Last weekend Archbishop Christopher welcomed us back to our Masses in the Cathedral and around our Archdiocese with the release of his **Pastoral Letter: *Returning to our Eucharistic Home***. Please find complete copies of his beautifully encouraging letter on the parish and Archdiocesan website, and in printed form in Church foyers. Part of the Archbishop's Letter follows.

"We continue patiently to pray for this terrible pandemic to cease in all its extensive and serious consequences. We pray for all those impacted in the world, especially in the health and economic areas of human endeavour. As the doors of our Churches slowly open to congregations, let us reflect on the "Eucharistic fasting" that we have all been doing. Eucharistic fasting is not new to Australians. ...

"2020 marks the bi-centennial anniversary of the first official Catholic priests allowed to offer pastoral care in Australia. Before this a number of priests did come to Australia on the many ships bringing people of all sorts of backgrounds to these shores inhabited by Aboriginal peoples for millennia. These priests, however, were only able to stay short periods. Their presence was often seen as a threat to the colonial authorities. Upon departing they did leave the Blessed Sacrament, nonetheless, with some colonial families – the Davis and Dempsey families.

During the many years prior to 1820, Catholics gathered near Sydney Cove for prayers and Eucharistic devotion in these family homes. There was no Mass.

After the official priests (Fr. John Joseph Therry and Fr. Philip Conolly) arrived and celebrating Mass was permitted, the great Eucharistic missionary efforts began systematically in this new but ancient land. We are now heirs of that Catholic evangelising impulse of over two hundred years ago. We are truly grateful. It was a long Eucharistic fast!

... great Eucharistic piety was demonstrated in another type of fasting of only a few generations ago. So many of us can remember stories of the long Eucharistic fasting requirements of earlier times. The liturgical demand was to fast from the night before one could receive Holy Communion at Mass. Perhaps, with lenient fasting rules presently applicable, we have lost a sense of the long spiritual tradition of fasting before the Eucharistic feasting. Should this be considered afresh today?

Notwithstanding current assessments on this matter from present sensibilities, these older requirements did raise up generations imbued with a solid understanding of the piety needed to reverently receive Holy Communion. The stomach pains of hunger did remind the pious of the spiritual hunger for "panis angelicus" (the bread of angels). In rural areas, there are many examples too of the long distances that fasting families needed to travel to the nearest parish for Mass. Few complained. The love and respect of the Holy Mass matured. We ought to learn from this with docility.

... I believe that the current Covid-19 induced "Eucharist fast" is deepening our Catholic instinct that the Eucharist is the very centre of our lives in Christ, Jesus.

Over these months I have heard of our Catholic people *yearning* for Mass and reception of Holy Communion. Sure enough, there has been a huge uptake on online daily Masses. Here "spiritual communion" is explained and appreciated by those participating from home. However, as one committed Catholic mentioned to me recently, "We are not really "e-Catholics" in the sense of *electronic* Catholics, but we are "E-Catholics" in the sense of *Eucharistic* Catholics.

This is the Catholic instinct arising within us. I see it as a wonderful sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit in this "valley of tears".

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

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

School of Religion
See details below

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

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 29 Jun	Sts Peter & Paul, apostles
Tue 30 Jun	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wed 1 July	13th week in Ordinary time
Thu 2 July	13th week in Ordinary time
Fri 3 July	St Thomas, apostle
Sat 4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Sun 5 July	14th 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

- 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 PARISHIONER & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of 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 use the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

Please Note: Maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the line formed to receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

Planned giving Contributions: Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2020-2021 financial year will be available THIS 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.

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 would like a Pledge form emailed to you, please request this via cathedral@cg.org.au.

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM RECOMMENCING

First Reconciliation (yr 3 children): classes start Mon, 17 Aug 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will occur on 9 Sept. 2020.

First Eucharist (yr 4 children): classes start Mon, 17 Aug 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Church. The First Eucharist Mass will occur on 20 September at the 11am Mass, Cathedral.

Confirmation (yr 5 & 6 children): classes start Mon, 12 Oct 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation Mass will occur on Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 6pm.

These programs are for children who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More info. & Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Saint Christopher's Youth & Young Adults

Young Adventurers:

Next weekend 5TH July our *Primary youth group Young Adventurers*, will gather for the first time at **SPC before 9:30am Mass**. I warmly welcome any primary age students to join Chiara for what is proving to be an exciting new occasion in our parish community and beyond to gather in faith and friendship! I thank Chiara for her wonderful dedication and evident love for Christ in all that she is doing with our Youth and Young Adults.

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!

OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed daily from the St Christopher's Cathedral. 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/>.

1 – 2 August "Wedding Plans under Control?"

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

FINAL 30 minute Archdiocesan marriage enrichment presentation live-streamed this Sunday 28th at 11.45am, straight after the 11am Online Mass at the Cathedral. Join us at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> and feel free to make comments and ask questions of our West Australian presenter couple. Karen & Derek Boylen will elaborate on 'a spirituality of beholding' - a unique way of encountering Christ for married couples. Search '**Marriage & Family Month**' on the CatholicVoice website for more info.

Collections and Parish Support moving forward

Collection plates will no longer be passed in the church during Mass. For the moment, two collection points will be located at the foot of the sanctuary, as well as **TapnGo** machines for greater convenience. **Planned Giving envelopes** are also now available for collection. Following **new archdiocesan protocols, TapnGo and loose monies will be split between 30% for archdiocesan clergy support and 70% for our parish support.**

The First collection

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

The Second collection 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).

QKR! At Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish—A New, Easier way to donate!

Similar to swiping your phone at an EFTPOS Machine you can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to our parish community. Payments for 1st (Clergy) & 2nd Collection (Parish) are listed. Please ensure you include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Parish Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number on 62399846. Caritas Project Compassion is also currently listed under "Special Appeals". For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish.

For step by step Qkr! instructions with pictures, please visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

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: 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 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.*

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Mt 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'