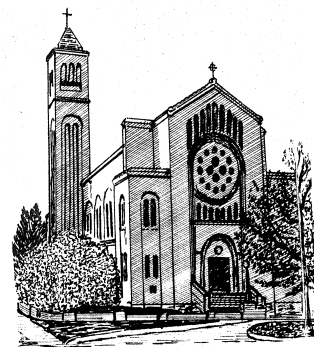


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



13th Sunday in Ord.
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30 June 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

Sunday Mass

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

Planned Giving Program

Friends,

As we reach the end of the financial year, I draw attention one last time, to our *Planned Giving Program*. Sadly we have only received 5 pledge forms this year. Please consider this, as one possible option for financially supporting our parish.

I am *most* grateful for the support contributed to date. I think we often forget how important this aspect of our faith and parish life is. From heating, to purchasing hosts for Mass, to covering increased insurance cost.

- **1st collection supports the priests of the Archdiocese (the *Central Presbytery Fund or CPF*),**
- **2nd collection remains in our parish and goes towards insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep, parish running costs, staff salaries and superannuation.**

Tap machine contributions are divided 30% to the *CPF* and 70% to our Parish.

Friends, if you can assist financially via weekly envelopes or monthly credit card deductions, please collect a **Cathedral Parish Planned Giving form for 2023/2024**, and return via email (cathedral@cg.org.au) or to the Parish Office (+61 2 6239 9846).

Each person's capacity to give is different and no one is ever expected to give more than is reasonable. The amount given is *far* less important than the spirit of prayer and thanksgiving in which it is given. Thank you for making our parish a home of welcome for all who seek God and a place at his table.

Fr Trenton van Reesch (with the Parish Finance Council.)

To Reach out in Faith...

Jairus' Daughter is dying, but so too is the haemorrhaging woman. She was losing blood. And what is blood but life?! Death reigns in today's Gospel, yet it is a death confronted and even more powerfully touched by the Source of all life.

In the Gospel we witness two healings. One, stems from a father's love for his dying daughter. The other, from a desperate woman, who risks everything to be healed by Jesus. In each, the request for healing is a courageous act of faith, yet it is a *particular* faith; it is a faith that is aware of a presence...

Jairus, a synagogue official, is distraught over his daughter's health. He approaches Jesus that Jesus might come, *touch* and so heal her. As Jesus leaves with Jairus however, the woman approaches. She secretly touches the hem of Jesus garment, and immediately, she is cured.

Jesus swiftly probes, "who touched me". Imagine the disciples disbelief and frustration: 'The crowds are pushing around you, we are exhausted, and you're asking "who touched you?"' yet Jesus had felt no ordinary touch, but one of deep faith, which had summoned a power out from Him.

Now the question for me is: Why didn't all the others who were pressing against Jesus feel an equal power? They all 'touched' him!

The key lies in Jesus response: "Your faith has saved you." Faith is the key that opens up the saving Power of God, and turns a bump, or a 'brushing past', into a transforming touch from the Living God.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus' impatience; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped yet, delayed by the woman. The messengers arrive and confirm Jairus' worst fear: 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' Yet Jesus consciously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. "Do not be afraid, only have faith" Jairus does exactly this – and His daughter's death – becomes life by the touch of Christ.

How often in our lives does God reach out to touch? And how often does this touch go unnoticed?

So many – like those in the crowd that day – are physically touched by Jesus in the Eucharist every day, yet many remain completely unchanged. Because without faith, touch is useless.

Think about it. Jesus was never interested in merely working miracles of bodily healing. These were always a prelude to the greater miracle of healing souls. But these happened only through a personal relationship with Him. Jesus never worked 'mass miracles of healing' either, but notice, He always cured people one-by-one, for it was this personal seeking, and desiring relationship which was the one and only prerequisite.

Friends, God isn't a 'well-wishing God' remaining at a distance. He is a God who wants to touch, who wants physical as well as spiritual contact.

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon July 1 13th Week in Ord. Time
Tues July 2 13th Week in Ord. Time
Wed July 3 13th Week in Ord. Time
St Thomas the Apostle
Thu. July 4 13th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. July 5 13th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. July 6 13th Week in Ord. Time
Sun July 7 14th SUNDAY in ORD TIME,
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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
(in recess for the month of July).

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.

2024/2025 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES— are now available for pick up in the church foyer. Please note, envelope givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is EXTREMELY important that envelope givers only use the CURRENT/NEW envelopes from July onwards - (please note the new RED envelopes) - if you have any envelopes left from last year, please discard them as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else. Thank you for your continuous contribution.

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 cgevan.gelisation.org.au/roundtables

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH— Conversations on Faith welcomes back Dr Robert Tilley from the Catholic Institute of Sydney as part of our series exploring *Faith and Difficult Books of the Bible*. He will be joining us on **Tuesday 2nd July** in the Haydon Hall from 7-9pm for a 7.30pm start for a talk on ***The Virtual World and the Book of Revelation*** - all are welcome for an evening of intellectual rigour, supper and fellowship!"



Marriage Preparation Courses—Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Evenings for the Engaged*, Sat 13 & 20 July. *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 17 & Sun 18 August. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more info or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Canberra Catholic Bookshop— More than just a bookshop, you will find a wide array of giftware and greeting cards, including plenty of options for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Opening hours Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9:30am to 5pm; Wed - 8:30am to 5pm; Sat - 9am to 1pm; Closed Sundays and public holidays. 55 Franklin Street, Forrest, ACT 2603 (behind St Christopher's Cathedral) Mobile: 0478 248 679 | Tel: (02) 6239 9888 Email: catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au Or shop online at - <https://www.catholicbookshop.org.au/>

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House—2nd Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.



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JUNE 2024

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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

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LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

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

Save the Date: Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare - Thursday, 8 August, 7.30 - 9.00am Join us as we explore meaningful connections, marriage, family, career, mission and community-building. More details to come! Contact: communications@cg.org.au

Marymead Catholic Care Winter Warmer Luncheon— you are warmly invited to a Winter Warmer Luncheon for the MCCG Fundraiser at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham Street, Yarralumla. Monday **22 July, 11:30am for a 12pm start.** With Guest speaker Hannah Andrevski, founder of Roundabout and 2024 Canberran of the year. Tickets \$75.00 per person. Craft stall and raffle prizes will be available for purchase on the day. To book, visit mccg.org.au

Volunteer For Vinnies Roadhouse—Roadhouse is a free meal service for those in need! We provide a hot meal, groceries, and somewhere to have a chat and coffee. We would love you to come to even have a see what we do and get a taste of what Vinnies is all about! If you would like any more info, please call 0480311050. God Bless You, Tim Murray- *Roadhouse Officer.*



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 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: Rosalie Crispe, Felice Lo Pilato, David Grimmond, Agnes Sorrentino, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte, Domenico Barbata-no, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Grealley, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison,



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Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Responsorial: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

First Reading

Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24

Death was not God’s doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be—for this he created all; the world’s created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did not make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil’s envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Second Reading

2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, ‘My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.’ Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. ‘If I can touch even his clothes,’ she had told herself ‘I will be well again.’ And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ His disciples said to him, ‘You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, “Who touched me?”’ But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. ‘My daughter,’ he said ‘your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.’ While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, ‘Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?’ But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, ‘Do not be afraid; only have faith.’ And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official’s house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, ‘Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.’ But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child’s father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, ‘Talitha, kum!’ which means, ‘little girl, I tell you to get up.’ The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

READERS ROSTER JUNE

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	29/30 June	6-7 July	29/30 June	6-7 July
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Les Buszynski	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman		
8.00am (SCC)	Dione Smith Zvon Seselja	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Jaye Corcoran Damien Balachandran		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Edwina Hyman	Bianca Goh Bronwen Grey	Volunteer	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Anthony Brierley Lynette Yap	Becky Langworthy Kevin Woods		

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