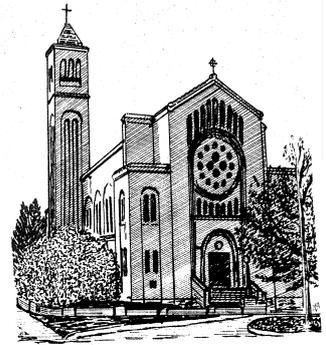


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
27 June 2021

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



Masses numbers at
St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
will be limited until
further notice.

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Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,

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

Saturday: 9.00am & 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

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

It's not just coincidence, not just 'by-chance' that Jesus' path crosses the woman suffering the haemorrhage in today's gospel. The woman had suffered this affliction 12 agonising years and the law considered her ritually unclean; inflicting upon her a painful social and religious isolation which was more than physical.

Yet now, Jesus passes by, *close* - that the woman might reach out. He invites her to act upon her faith. And this, she does. The woman takes a great risk however in doing so, knowing and believing not just that Jesus *could*, but that he *desired* to heal her, contrary to everything the world, the society and the crowd, had told her for so long.

Immediately, after reaching out, Jesus seeks her out, desiring more than just her physical healing. He calls her and face-to-face utters, not "woman", but "*daughter*". In the midst of her turmoil and isolation, Jesus reveals her real identity; one which had been obscured from her for so long. She is a daughter of God. His words, "Daughter, your faith has saved you," prove a far greater gift than any physical healing.

We too have the young daughter of Jairus, who parallels the older woman in her healing. Even her age echoes the number of years the older woman had suffered, 12. Jesus calls her too, "Daughter" or in Aramaic, "Talitha koum!" which means "Little one, arise!" She too encounters Jesus face-to-face and is healed.

Jairus came to ask Jesus' help not for himself but for another. His faith carried him to Jesus. He believed that Jesus' touch would be enough. His hope in the Lord, and not in his own strength, allowing him to intercede for others.

Yet at the same time, notice that the gospel writer, Mark, repeatedly reminds us of the bustling crowds which press in. This is significant. The crowds which gather on the 'other side' as they arrive (5:21); the crowds which follow as Jesus accompanies Jairus (5:24); the crowd which press in as the woman winds her way through to Jesus (5:27); even the disciples' testimony of the enormous crowd which had gathered: "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?' (5:30)

This question "Who touched me?" is at the gospel's heart. The disciples see Jesus 'hemmed in' on every side, yet Jesus is not hemmed in at all. On many occasions in his ministry, all the way to his place before the Sanhedrin and Pilate, and finally on the Cross, Jesus seemed exactly that, *hemmed in* - yet in these moments Jesus was never freer. And neither are the two who approach Jesus 'hemmed in'.

Both are set apart, freed by faith. The woman's faith told her she was not an outcast, even though the crowd told her exactly that. She concluded, no matter the consequences, she was going to touch Jesus. Her faith set her apart and her faith was satisfied.

Jairus' faith too is tested when 'the crowd' alerts him: "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" As if to say: "*It's over... He may perform miracles, multiplying loaves, which we love to watch! But we're dealing with death! Your cause is beyond hope.*" Faith, however, does not lose hope, but in the greatest moments when we feel most 'hemmed in', suffocated by the doubt and faithlessness of the world crowded around, Jesus invites us to reach out again, and again. Faith sets no limits. Of course, fear challenges our heart, especially when the unbelieving crowd does nothing, but stand around "weeping and wailing unrestrainedly." (Mk 5:38). Yet the Christian - just like Jairus and the woman - clings to Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Friends, we certainly live in a culture which lies about Jesus and who and when one can approach him. Perhaps even subconsciously in our hearts we fall victim to the crowd declaration that we are 'hemmed-in' in some way, beyond the reach of Jesus garment. Yet we do not come to Mass, or even pray, to please the crowd which is the world, but to encounter the God of Truth and Love. The God who invites us to come, to stretch out. We come because He calls us and frees us, heals and forgives us, from where we are.

In the presence of Christ, faith fortifies us to cling to those words of Jesus. And this faith promises not simply or always physical healing, but the true healing we long for - knowledge that we are beloved sons and daughters of God. Wherever we find ourselves at this point in our lives, let us drown out the chatter of the crowd, and seek only Jesus in faith and sacrament.

Friends, please be reminded once more, **the Cathedral will be closed from tomorrow (Monday) the 28th to Wednesday the 30th of June** for repairs, resealing and cleaning of the marble floor. Thank you for your patience and understanding. **All 7:30am and 12:15pm Masses on these days will be offered at Saint Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla.**

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

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 28 Jun St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Tue 29 Jun Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Wed 30 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time

Thu 1 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Fri 2 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sat 3 Jul St Thomas, apostle

Sun 4 Jul 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and
combatting social injustice in our
community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the
month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

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

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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

Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT - Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE WORKS - the Cathedral will be **closed Mon 28th to Wed 30th June**, for repairs, cleaning and re-sealing of the marble tiles. **All Masses during these 3 days, will be offered in Saint Peter Chanel's Yarralumla.** Regular Mass schedule will resume July 1st. **Please be careful with parking as St Vincent de Paul are running a children's camp on Monday 28 June so please be careful whilst in the carpark.**

LECTORS TRAINING—Tuesday 6 July at 7pm. All Cathedral Parish Lectors (readers) are invited to the next Lectors Training Session at the Cathedral. This is especially important for all the new volunteers. Training will cover both theological as well as practical aspects (such as reading style, pace and the use of the microphones).

FAN THE FLAME: TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 2021 - "Do not be afraid; only have faith." Mark 5:36. 'While conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith, secularisation, disaffection and COVID-19 notwithstanding, and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways'. (from the *Instrumentum Laboris* #65)
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

NEW READERS NEEDED - Thank you to those who have offered to join the reading roster. We still need more readers for Sunday Masses. Volunteer for a particular Mass time, or for more than one Mass. Readers are particularly needed at Masses other than 11am. Please contact cathedral@cg.org.au before 30th June.

INCLUSION SURVEY — we are conducting a congregational survey on inclusion, disability, chronic health conditions and accessibility. Surveys are in the foyers with return boxes, or on the parish website. Please complete the short survey to help us care for you and your loved ones as best we can! Any questions, contact Cate at cate.canberra@gmail.com.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR (EOFY) - In Canberra parishes, from July 1st, no more tax deductions will be available for Planned-Giving. 5% of Planned-Giving in each parish was previously given to the *Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund*; the only tax deductible component of your offering. That Fund is no longer attached to our parishes. Tax deductibility remains for special Archdiocesan donations e.g. The *Annual Retired Priests' Collection*. In 2022 tax receipts from parishes will not be necessary. Please contact the parish office if you are unsure of this explanation, we sincerely thank you for your ongoing financial support in our Gospel mission.

RCIA 2021-22 - Interested in learning more about Jesus, exploring faith and life's meaning? Come and journey with a like-minded community? RCIA (the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a supportive, welcoming environment. The program is open to all and is particularly designed for those interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments for the first time. We Thursday evenings, 6pm, starting 16 September. To register or for more information, email cathedral@cg.org.au

2021 PLANNED GIVING FORM (GREEN) are available in the churches. 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 will be emailed to you with the weekly Bulletin.

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH

SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Reconciliation classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug.

First Eucharist classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

www.cg.org.au/cathedral or
contact Parish office 6239 9846.

OTHER NEWS

LETS KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** and sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Holy Communion is received only under one Species.
- Physical distancing rules **still apply**. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry.
- Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please **DO NOT** return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.**

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP —To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan QR code at the church entrance each visit.

Canberra Catholic Bookshop— Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



Marriage and Family - Visit cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/ for all information on the groups, movements, ministries and programs offering formation and support for marriage & family life in our Archdiocese.

INSTAGRACE is a great opportunity for all high school aged from 14-17 to encounter and experience the love of God through 3 days stay in program at Camp CotterMouth (1435 Cotter Road, Stromlo, ACT) from 2nd July to 4th July. This includes workshops, music, games, testimonies and inspiring talks by preachers and priests organised by Jesus Youth. Reg Fee is \$200. Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com or Jerlin 0413187827. For registration - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OCq-ZtXbxVrtXYuHjyPpfmtvM0GeF6eWE3NORb7rvBE/edit>

Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce dinner —16 July, Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>.

Reflection Day for Women 24th July - Father Epeli Qimaqima is hosting a Reflection Day for women of all ages and states of life to be held at St Joachim's, Lidcombe in Sydney. Commencing with Holy Mass and will include time for personal prayer, adoration and confession, as well as the opportunity for fellowship. Registration details can be found at: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/reflection-day-for-women-2021/>

Retreat - Finding God in Australia—6-8 Aug. Fr John Hill will lead a retreat to be held at St Clement's, "Finding God in Australia". Contact St Clement's to register. info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life - 26 August 2021, 6:30pm. Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra. \$30.00. visit www.tfo.org.au or contact jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au.

Women's prayer/sharing Groups— Contact: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com "Call to connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free starter kits. More information : <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/women-prayer-groups/>

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Support our project of the month and help contemplative religious sisters in Peru to contribute to the pastoral work in Peru and the world through prayer, presence and the testimony of their faith. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

COVID-19 Vaccination News— Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic bishops support and reassure: please visit catholic.org.au/coronavirus for more information.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction of churches in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. To help build a church today visit www.aidtochurch.org/construction

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Leonardo Sanfrancesco

Those who are ill: Fr Brian Maher, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

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, Danny Scorpecci, Alma Crawford, Giocondo Furlan

Recently Deceased: Carmelo Makabenta, Joy Finlayson, Fernando Urbaz Levi, Debbie Kensey, Clarence Pickard, John Thompson, Graziella Foini, Evelyn O'Keefe, Betty Unwin, Romina Samoza De Reiz, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies,

Readings of the Day – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



Cathedral QR code

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

Responsorial Psalm: *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 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 Reading

Mk 5:21-43

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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors

Mass	26/27 June	3/4 Jul		
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Ceciley Matthews	Stewart Unwin Scott Pobihun		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Wanda Kaucz	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler		
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Philip Pocock	Assigned Becky Langworthy		
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Wanda Kaucz	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh		
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pohibun Jacqueline Hipwell	Mark Hyman Ceciley Matthews		
5.30pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	Jacob Madden Liz Porra		

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