



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

14th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year B
7 July 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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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),
5.00pm

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

Keep the Fire Burning - Strong in Faith

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 7 July 2024

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week. This week we recognise and celebrate the gifts of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics; and the deep, ancient culture which lives through them.

As we reflect on our past, and look to our hope-filled future, one remarkable figure stands tall. Aboriginal Elder, Deacon Boniface Perdjert, who died in March 2019. An Elder of the Kardu Diminin clan, and the most senior traditional owner of the land on which Wadeye (Port Keats) is now built, Deacon Boniface was Australia's first permanent Aboriginal deacon. Boniface was a man of profound spirituality and service, who seemed to understand and embrace his baptism and subsequent diaconal calling, in a way both intensely humble and refreshingly human.

It was these traits which made Boniface a true evangelist, proposing the Person of Christ, from and in the place, culture and life through which he was called, and which was deeply a part of who he was. He once said: "Jesus told us ... to love God with whole hearts, mind and spirit, that means the whole of me and the whole of me is Aboriginal. There is no other way for me to love him."

Described as a man of 'deep inner serenity', Boniface clearly knew Jesus intimately, with an enviable wisdom which still has much to say today, in the legacy bestowed on the country, people and church which he loved. Boniface realised and witnessed to those around him, that wounds are the sign of authenticity, that human history is the palette through which God speaks, and that hope is something not to be achieved, but lived.

This is the truth of evangelisation! Not ever abandoning one's identity, but seeing it always, in and through the light and lens of Christ. He writes: "When I read the gospels, I read them as an Aboriginal. So many of the things Christ said and did, and the way he lived, makes me think of the good things, of our way of life. Christ did not get worried about material things. He looked at them as things that get in the way, and make it hard to get to our true country. He was born in the countryside, in a cave, like many of us have been born. He walked about like us, with nowhere to lay his head. He died with nothing on a cross. So many of our people die with nothing. He was strong on sharing. We do a lot of things like that - but of course he went further. In the Eucharist, he shared himself as nobody else could."

Where we come from, is a part of who we are, and from here Christ uses us; enriching and teaching both us, and those around us. Jesus uses every part of who we are.

Boniface's spirituality transcended so many of the passing earthly concerns which trap us in a modern materialistic bubble. Upon his death, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) wrote: "A trailblazer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics [Boniface] not only walked between two worlds – Catholic and Traditional – he brought them together. His words and actions spoke loudly to the members of the Wadeye Community... but also to the Catholic Hierarchy with whom he shared his wisdom on many official occasions."

Friends, Deacon Boniface illustrated in the most simple, yet strikingly alluring way- how the ancient culture running through his veins and the faith he cherished, came together- this is evangelisation! He saw a *continuity*, rather than a rupture, between his people's history and the Gospel message. "God did not begin to take an interest in people with the incarnation of His Son, nor with Abraham", he says. "My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time, God was working with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us, despite our human weakness. He was preparing us for the day when we would see the features of Aborigines in the image of His Son."

Archbishop Christopher in 2021 reflected, "evangelisation is not SOMETHING we teach. It is SOMEONE (Jesus) we propose by witnessing in all sorts of ways...", whereby all "panoramas of human longing are the new horizons of evangelisation... where the Kingdom of God awaits to bud forth."

Friends as we give thanks for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, we recall the mission entrusted to us in the history, culture and times in which we live. Let us never politicise their plight. God uses us in every moment, he uses who we are, past, present and future, to make himself known and loved. For indeed, as Archbishop Christopher reminds us, and as Boniface witnessed, "The Church is always being renewed in history."

Father Trenton

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon July 8 14th Week in Ord. Time
Tues July 9 14th Week in Ord. Time
Wed July 10 14th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. July 11 14th Week in Ord. Time
St Benedict
Fri. July 12 14th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. July 13 14th Week in Ord. Time
Sun July 14 15th 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.**

NAIDOC Week & NATSICC Sunday - 7th-14th July. Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week, an opportunity to celebrate the unique culture and history of the First Nations peoples. Find out more about NAIDOC week at: naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week and natsicc.org.au.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER— The Catholic Weekly is on sale for \$2 each weekend and is available in the Cathedral side foyer. This service is arranged by the St Vincent de Paul Society, which has to cover the cost of the papers. Please make sure you pay when taking a paper. Payment should be made into the donation box located in the side entrance foyer.

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

READERS TRAINING— Readers formation training for new and current readers to be held at St Christopher's Cathedral 9:30am Saturday **27 July.** For more information, please contact scc.spc.readers@gmail.com

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 Dinner & Lunch with the Archdiocese seminarians at Pearce Presbytery. Friday **19 July 5:30pm** evening prayer in Sacred Heart Church 115 Hodgson St Pearce and 6pm dinner with our three seminarians- sharing their experiences. Then Saturday **20 July a 12noon** talk by Fr John Armstrong Spiritual Director of Homebush seminary on the formation process, followed by a light lunch. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN THE PARISH!

JULY 2024

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL YOUTH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

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! Please see flyers located in the parish foyers. **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.

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgatholic.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 Alvarez, 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 Alvarez - 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: Mitchell Glenn Bush, Karla Attanasio, David Black, Ted Rodrigues, Brothers Vales, Duro Kish, Helen Mary O'Brien, Lady Mary Lawler, Frs Barney & Paddy Lynch, Br Paul Nixon mgl, Dianne Fraser, Gerald Kilmartin, Elizabeth Virgara, Carmel Barton, Domenico Nirta, Kevin Hogan, Lynnette Cousens, Catherine Duffy, Harry Galvin, Irawan Widjaja, Kevin Kelly, Fr Wally Stefanski, Walter Ghirardello, Rosamond Rumble, Vera Urh, Damian McMahon, Judith Campbell, Dr John Connors, Msgr John Hoare, Lilian Green, Richard Halpin, Phyllis Ferry, Colin (Mick) Kilpatrick, Bernabe Baez, Merv O'Brien, Dorothy Clowry, Rita Langsford, Berty & Adrienne, Keith Wong, Uliana Antonelli, Romina S., Maureen & Sean Browne

Recently Deceased: Rosalie Crispe, Felice Lo Pilato, David Grimmond, Agnes Sorrentino, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte, Domenico Barbatano, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison,

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B — 6/7 July



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

First Reading

Ezk 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

READERS ROSTER JULY

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	6-7 July	13-14 July	6-7 July	13/14 July
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Damien Balachandran	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Bronwen Grey	Cecilia Flores Samantha Hazlett	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Kevin Woods	Anthony Brierley Liz Porra		

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