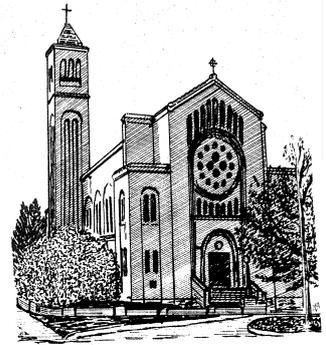


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

14th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B -  
4 July 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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**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

## 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

Dear parishioners and visitors,

Today, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week (June 4th-11th). In these days 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 of 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. A man of profound spirituality and service, Boniface seemed to understand and embrace his baptism and subsequent diaconal calling, in a way which was both intensely humble and refreshingly human. It was these traits which made him 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; to enrich and teach both ourselves and those around us. He uses every part of who we are. Dcn Boniface's spirituality transcended so many of the passing earthly concerns which trap us in a modern materialistic bubble. Upon Boniface's 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."

I see Boniface's life echoed in our Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, "BREATH IN...BREATH OUT". In it, the Archbishop reflects upon the call to evangelisation in light of the approaching Plenary Council. "We breathe in the life and power of the Holy Spirit... (RECEIVE!) We breathe out the Holy Spirit when we witness Jesus to all (GO!)" For as seen in Dcn Boniface's own life, and as articulated by Archbishop Christopher, "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 Indigenous brothers and sisters, we recall the mission entrusted to us in the history, culture and times in which we live. God uses us in every moment, he uses who we are, past, present and future, to make himself known and loved. "It is time to renew our life in the Archdiocese in the light of the Plenary Council and respond within our Catholic Tradition with courage and hope." For indeed, as Archbishop Christopher reminds us, and as Boniface witnessed, "The Church is always being renewed in history."

Copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter "BREATH IN...BREATH OUT" are available at church entrances or online.

**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

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 5 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Tue 6 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Wed 7 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Thu 8 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Fri 9 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sat 10 Jul	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 11 Jul	15th 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.

**MASKS NOW MANDATORY IN THE CHURCH** - Please only remove your mask when receiving Communion. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**REST IN PEACE: FR BRIAN MAHER** - Born September 12<sup>th</sup> 1936, in Corowa, Fr. Brian attended St. Lawrence's, Galong, and later, St. Gregory's, Campbelltown. After majoring in Agriculture from the University of Sydney (1972), and after subsequent education degrees, Brian entered St. Columba's College, Springwood in 1959, and St. Patrick's College in 1963. Brian was ordained by Archbishop Eris O'Brien on July 16, 1966. Over years of faithful service, Fr. Brian was appointed to Cootamundra 1966-1968; Braddon 1968; Cooma 1971; the Cathedral 1974; Queanbeyan 1976; Goulburn 1977; Braddon 1978-1986; Bungendore 1986-1992; and Aranda 1992-2007. We have been blessed by magnificently generous shepherds in our Archdiocese. We pray for Fr. Brian, and rejoice in thanksgiving, in the gift of God, which he faithfully brought to us over a life of ministry. *May he now rest in the Peace of his Lord, and rise in Glory.* Fr. Brian's Requiem Mass was offered on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, in St. Vincent's Church, Aranda.



**NAIDOC Week & NATSICC Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.** Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today marks *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday*, and the beginning of NAIDOC Week, an opportunity to celebrate the unique culture and history of the First Nations peoples of the land, seas and waterways that we call home. You are invited to learn more about NAIDOC week by visiting: [naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week](http://naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week) and [natsicc.org.au](http://natsicc.org.au) for celebrations held and opportunities offered across our amazing country.

**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).

**END OF FINANCIAL YEAR (EOFY)** - In Canberra parishes, from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**FAN THE FLAME: PLENARY ASSEMBLY** 3 Oct 2021 - In the Gospel we hear 'What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' Mark 6:1-6. Let us listen to this Wisdom Jesus' speaks now, in our time and place. Updates, formation materials and resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections can be found at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

### 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](http://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](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or  
contact Parish office 6239 9846.

**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.
- Facemasks are MANDATORY. Facemasks can only be removed to receive Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion is received only under one Species and only on the hand.
- Physical distancing rules **still apply**. Families can sit together. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry.
- 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.



**Evenings for the Engaged**—10 July, 9am. Marriage preparation course for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. It's an incredible investment in the rest of your married life! Covering topics and skills from communication to the Sacrament of Marriage, the program is run over two consecutive Saturdays. For details email [prugordon@gmail.com](mailto:prugordon@gmail.com) or call 0451670041.

**Blessed Virgin's Message at La Salette**—11 July, 2.30pm. Marian Series No2 - The Blessed Virgin's message at La Salette via Zoom. In 1846, Our Lady wept unceasingly before two children in Grenoble, France. Why was she crying? What was her message? Join Fr Adrian Wee (FSSP) to find out what Our Lady wants us to do. Don't miss out, register for free at <http://bit.ly/MarianSeries> .

**Marriage and Family** - Visit [cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/](http://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/) for all information on the groups, movements, ministries and programs offering formation and support for marriage & family life in our Archdiocese.

**CHANGE OF DATE Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner** Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held on Friday 3rd September, still 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Your ticket remains valid for Fri 3rd September. If you require a refund, no problem, contact [elisabeth\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com) or ring 0432 608 310. Limited tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. 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](mailto: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](http://www.tfo.org.au) or contact [jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au](mailto:jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au).

**Women's prayer/sharing Groups**— Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

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

#### **We pray for...**

**Those who are ill:** 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:** Berty Jacob, Ben Chifley, 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, Kevin Kelly, Fr Wally Stefanski, Walter Ghirardello, Rosamond Rumble, Vera Urh, Damian McMahon, Judith Campbell, Dr John Connors, Kevin Kelly, Msgr John Hoare, Lilian Green, Richard Halpin, Phyllis Ferry, Colin (Mick) Kilpatrick, Patrick Brazil, Bernabe Baez, Merv O'Brien, Dorothy Clowry, Rita Langsford,

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Brian Maher, Martin Toohey, Joseph Meli, 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 Valentin,

# Readings of the Day – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



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**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 Psalm:** *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

**Ez 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 Reading

**Mk 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.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	3/4 Jul	10/11 July	
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Eleanor Noorli	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Becky Langworthy	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock	
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Lynn Chan Wanda Kaucz	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Ceciley Matthews	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Liz Porra	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	

St Christopher’s Cathedral Parish encompasses the areas of Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla