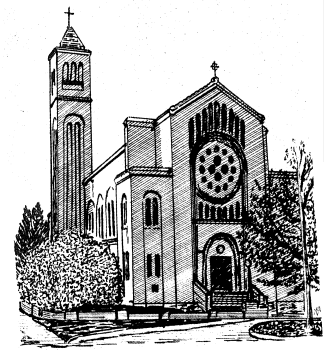


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

15th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
16th July 2023

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

PARISH OFFICE

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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

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

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

Monday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE WORD OF GOD AND THE PURPOSE OF EVERYTHING

Isaiah gives us a comforting and reassuring message. We are given this analogy: just as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return without fulfilling their purpose, so too the Word of God comes from heaven and fulfils its purpose. We are encouraged, just as no one can stop the rain so too no one can stop the truth. Even the drop of rain which falls in the desert, eventually finds its way to the great ocean. God's will is as certain and unstoppable as the sea.

There is something else happening in the passage, we are told that the rain comes down from heaven and returns, so too the Word of God goes from heaven and returns to heaven.

This first part is familiar to us, the water cycle would have been known to the Israelites too.

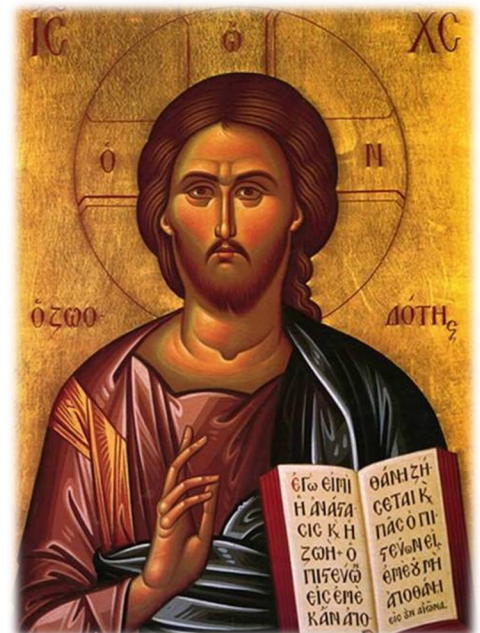
However, it is not common to talk about our words going out and returning to us. Isaiah tells us that the Word of God 'does not return to God without carrying out his will and succeeding in what it was sent to do'. This does not sound like an echo, or a quotation, or gossip, or any other interpretation of our words coming back to us that I can think of. God is speaking of his Word in the same way that we might speak of an agent with a mission.

The Word of God is different to our own speech. The Jews held and celebrated the Word of God in scripture; they also believed that creation was spoken into existence. God creates by speaking. We also know through our faith, that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. The Word is a person. This makes the coming down from heaven and returning to heaven part of Isaiah's prophecy crystal clear. We see the mission of Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus says that He, and the apostles, and the whole Church are sowing seeds for the Kingdom of God.

St. Paul furthers this idea; he says that the whole of creation has been groaning in the one great act of giving birth. Remember that the Jews and Church believe that creation was spoken into existence. We see creation is longing for its fulfillment: 'It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.'

Our readings together remind us that God has created our world, and that He is in control of it. We are a part of something much greater than our own individual lives and worries, we and all creation, are part of this great fulfilment, the kingdom of God. We are promised that God will bring about His Will, His Word is unstoppable. Let us pray for our own part in this, that we might be good and fertile soil providing an abundance of life.

Fr Alex



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Miss Chiara Catanzariti
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon July 17 15th Week in Ord. Time
Tues July 18 15th Week in Ord. Time
Wed July 19 15th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. July 20 15th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. July 21 15th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. July 22 15th Week in Ord. Time
St Mary Magdalene
Sun July 23 16th SUNDAY in ORD TIME

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE— due to both Fr Trenton and Fr Alex away on the 12 August, SPC 6pm Vigil & 5:15pm Confessions will be cancelled. 5pm Vigil Mass will be available at the Cathedral.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: St Peter Chanel's 10am Thursday Mass will be discontinued at the end of August. Mass at John James Calvary will be available at 10:30am starting from 7 September each Thursday.

2023/24 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES— are now available for pick up in the church foyer. Please note, some givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is **IMPORTANT** that envelope givers only use the **CURRENT** envelopes from July onwards. Please discard last year envelopes to avoid risk of your generous contribution being allocated to someone else. Thank you for your continuous contribution

SCAM TEXT MESSAGES— It has recently come to our attention, scam text messages are being received amongst some parishioners. The message says - "Hello, this is Fr (correct name of priest), I'm in a meeting right now, can't talk on phone but text me back when you get this message. I need you to assist me quickly. Blessings". The messages all appear to be coming from an overseas number. Please **do not** respond and either block or delete these messages/number.

ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE— Join Archbishop Christopher & other pilgrims, pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 29 August**. Archbishop will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7:30am. 11am Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. 12pm Mass followed by 1pm Lunch.



Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us,
Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father,
in the love of the Spirit!

RSVP & more information: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1073904?eid=1073904> or Sue Heffernan 0405251947 / Bernadette 0429774119

CALL TO CONNECT— a welcoming women's ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey. On Sunday, **23 July** there will be a morning tea after the **9.30am** Mass at **St Peter Chanel** where you can find out more about CTC. For more information or would like to talk to someone about CTC, please contact Grace Williams at g_williams@naver.com, Maureen Hilton at maureenhilton@gmail.com or visit our website www.calltoconnect.org.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP— invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. A 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from 19 July to 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. To register call /text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 27 July 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info.



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 cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

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ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER—YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023— Support older women facing homelessness in the ACT & surrounding region. This winter, Vinnies are aiming to raise \$400,000. These funds will provide emergency accommodation, food, clothing, medical costs and more. Please donate this Winter. Call 13 18 12 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

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

BIBLE STUDY— at St Raphael's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm. Adults from 18 to 40 are welcome. For more information, please contact David on 0415286080

PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING —A Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 5-day course pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. The course runs Wednesdays, Oct 4-Nov 8, 2023, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan; cost is \$400. followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments by end August. Please contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at su-sannecpe@gmail.com

ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN CATHOLIC PARISH HISTORY COFFEE TABLE BOOK— If you wish to be a sponsor, your name will be listed as a donor. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Transfer your donation to the Parish Account: BSB: 062786 | Account No: 000012889 | Ref: History Book. To pre order a copy, transfer \$85 per book to the same account. Email: queanbeyan@cg.org.au with the following details: Your name, How many books you require, Proof of payment (please attach your bank transaction receipt, make sure to include your name in the description of the bank transfer). If you would like to purchase a book with cash, please call the parish office **6299 4611**



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Catherine Cleary Rosa Mustapic, Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, 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 Cousins, 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, Mary Rose Skidmore

Recently Deceased: Hilda Pead, Maria Monteleone, Robert Howe, Antonio Loizzo, Eufemia Laeyes, Teresa Martiniello, Peter Sutherland, Emola Cicchini, Graeme Clarke, Theresa Harris, Fr Bob Maguire, John Boyd-Boland OFM,

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Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the visions of your glory.

Responsorial: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise

First Reading

Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Second Reading

Rom 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel

Mt 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

READERS ROSTER JULY

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	15/16 July	22/23 July	15/16 July	22/23 July
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Kevin Woods	Leszek Buszynski Ruth Meadows		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Joe Zavone Louis Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Jaye Corcoran Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Bianca Goh	Jacqui Ramesh Cecilia Flores	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Jacob Madden	Solange Pereira Anthony Brierley		

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