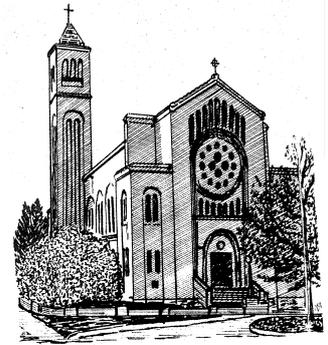


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
11 July 2021

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

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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

As Jesus sends out his disciples, they are entrusted with the grace and power to witness to his Name. Setting out for the first time, he instructs them to rely only upon him. Imagine their shock as they're told to take none of those things we consider standard (and even prudent) for such a journey. As his beloved disciples, they are to go to the ends of the earth! But what is this discipleship?

In first century Palestine, a devout Jew, after years of study and discipline, might approach the rabbi to be questioned. After examining the student's knowledge of scripture and its interpretation, the rabbi could determine, 'yes! you have what it takes to become like me' - and so would accept them as a 'disciple'.

Jesus redefines this norm of discipleship, calling not the most learned or proven, but those with ears to hear, and hearts open to responding. In fact, those he calls could only be collectively identified as 'misfits'. John and Andrew had been disciples of John the Baptist, but now they leave to follow Christ. Then there is Peter, who was not even looking for a rabbi! A fisherman, and a reasonably successful one at that, he too hears and follows. And then... Matthew sitting at his tax booth; loathed by his fellow Jews as one working for the oppressive Roman occupation. Jesus looked at them... and said, 'yes, ... you can be like me'.

Often, we think ourselves so different, so distant from the 12; they all have their stain glass windows and relics venerated around the world! Yet, in truth - we are astoundingly alike. This Sunday (and every Sunday) calls us to reflect upon our own discipleship, and what it means.

The call and purpose of the disciple is *to become like the Master*. Having within us what St. Paul called, *the mind of Christ* (Phil 2:5). The disciple is one interiorly conformed to the Father's will - this is the ultimate goal, to be *alter Christus* in the world. To act, to feel, to look like Christ. Yet, our question becomes, how do I know I am moving in this direction, moulded in this image? What makes me a disciple? I was once told four marks, or rather habits of the disciple.

The first and most fundamental is *relationship*. The disciple is one who is *in* a relationship. They know this, and they live accordingly. And we know, that all genuine relationships ask something of us, whereby they have two things: real rights and real responsibilities. As a child of God, you have real rights - real access to the Father through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. But... you also have real responsibilities. I need to live in the way God is calling me to live. This relationship changes and challenges me. I need to grow. The temptation of the world is to follow a Jesus created in its *own* image and likeness, as opposed to the objective person, the second Person of the Trinity, of whom I have a real, intimate, personal, and living relationship with. This too means, I can't expect that such a relationship will be the same in 10, 15, 30 years from now.

Which leads to a second habit - simply *showing up*. When it comes time for us to act, in any relationship, we need to be there. For prayer, for Mass; living a regular prayer life and intimate communion in the Eucharist and reconciliation. And yet being 'present' is not just exterior but *interior*. In any relationship, again you can tell when someone isn't really 'present', when their mind and even worse, their heart is somewhere else! We do this in conversations when our mind and concern is in another place- we are on our phone, we're looking around. The disciple does not do this. For that relationship to grow I need to be present exteriorly (physically) but even more truthfully, interiorly.

Building upon this is the habit of *consistency*, or we might say 'faithfulness' or 'steadfastness'. When I am inconsistent with something, by definition, I am unfaithful to it. The disciple is someone who consistently lives out of the relationship they have through and in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Consistently they 'show up' to prayer, even (or most especially) when prayer is difficult or dry. The relationship does not cease, and nor should the honesty or intimacy. We might occasionally pray intensely and then 'fall away' from prayer for a time, only to return again... but consistency beats intensity every time. Consistency - or fidelity - is what changes our hearts, and what makes disciples. The disciple *literally lives* every moment in the Son - through every storm and every joy. Again, just look at the twelve, it's not even about intensity... only consistency, not being discouraged by our wounds but simply being there with Jesus, as we are. Faithfulness *is* consistency. This is what makes us like Jesus - the goal of discipleship.

Finally, a disciple keeps their commitments - they make decision and accept the commitments that flow from them. Being in a relationship means being less about self, and more about the other, in this case... the Master. The disciple keeps their commitments to others, as well as to God. If I am in a relationship - a covenant relationship none the less - that means I have been given commandments and if I want to be in him, I need to keep them; those commitments; united to him even when I fail. Jesus himself encourages us, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15), and so, "*remain in my love*". (John 15:9).

Friends, Jesus calls the broken and imperfect, and sends us out as more than just 'followers'. He calls and sends us as *disciples*. In the coming week let us renew our discipleship in Christ, strengthened by the knowledge that each and every moment of our lives matters, in the called to become more and more, a faithful disciple and friend of Christ.

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

Bulletin reproduced in a different format this week due to printers problems out of our control.

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 12 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Tue 13 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 14 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Thu 15 Jul St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Fri 16 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sat 17 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sun 18 Jul 16th 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

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

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

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR (EOFY) - In Canberra parishes, from July 1st, no more tax deductions will be available for Planned-Giving. A small percentage 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

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SEMINAR - THLS601 EUCHARIST - August 7 & 8, 28 & 29 - via Zoom. ACU Centre for Liturgy in conjunction with ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. The Eucharist in the Roman Catholic tradition, explores the biblical and anthropological roots of the Eucharist and traces the development of its major theological themes, and more. Visit <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development/professional-learning-seminar> Close of registrations, July 30.

COMPOSING FOR A CHURCH AT PRAYER - ACU Centre for Liturgy Online public lecture by Fr J. Michael Joncas, "Composing for a Church at Prayer" Monday July 19, 2021 10am-11.30am (AEST). Visit <https://www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl>. Explore the theory and practice of one composer in creating liturgical music over the last half century. Explore: the texts sung in liturgical worship; the music to which these texts belong; and the ritual(s) for which they are intended. Fr Joncas will give insight into composition and their reception.

FAN THE FLAME - PLENARY ASSEMBLY 3 Oct 2021 - 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/fan-the-flame/

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION - "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*. Cathedral: Wed: 11:30am-12noon; Thurs: 6:00pm; Sat: 11:00am-12noon. St Peter Chanel's: Tues: 6:00pm & Sat: 5:15pm (before Mass). *Come back to me with all your heart* - Joel 2:12

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - Starting this year, Sunday 25 July, Pope Francis has announced the first, *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, observed close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Funeral notice for Lois Billings (former parishioners at St Peter Chanel's—Fri 16 July, 1.30pm at St Anthony's Parish, Wanniasa.

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.

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.



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/ for all information on the groups, movements, ministries and programs offering formation and support for marriage & family life in our Archdiocese.

Blackfriars Lecture Series - Homer among the Health Workers: metis, culture and closing the gap, a personal reflection 20 July, 6pm. Presented by Craig Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer of the Australia Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). Registration: ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au

A Bake for Babies Cake Stall 22 July, 9am-3pm, main foyer, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce with a large variety of baked goods, aprons, tea towels and jewellery will be available. Funds raised will be used for the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation to provide vital equipment for the Special Care Nursery at Calvary Hospital. Enquiries: Mary 62544084.

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.

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 or ring 0432 608 310. Limited tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

COVID-19 Vaccination News— Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic bishops support and reassure: [info: catholic.org.au/coronavirus](http://info:catholic.org.au/coronavirus).

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 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, Giocondo Furlan

Recently Deceased: Stephen Evans, Lois Billings, John Cusack, Mauve O'Collins, 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,

Readings of the Day – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



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

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. 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, for ever singing your praise.*

First Reading

Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

Second Reading

Eph 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Reading

Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	10/11 July	17/18 July	
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Stewart Unwin	
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle	Wanda Kaucz Melissa Dixon	
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock	Phil Pocock Lisa Quinn	
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Wanda Kaucz	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	Scott Pobihun Liz Porra	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	Jacob Madden Becky Langworthy	

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