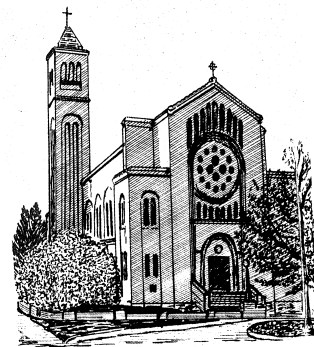


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A -  
19 July 2020

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



Masses will be offered  
with a maximum of 100  
people present until  
further notice.

## PARISH OFFICE

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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, 9am  
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 and 4.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** By arrangement

Dear parishioners and visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

We continue to welcome back more parishioners to Mass in these weeks. What a joy it is to be able to gather again. As we have seen around the country however, it is still crucial to observe the social distancing and hygiene protocols in place for our safety. Each Mass will continue to be limited to 100 parishioners observing the 1.5 meter distancing rule. Please sanitise your hands upon entry and use the sanitised cloths provided to wipe your seat upon leaving. **Please familiarise yourself with the latest protocols featured on the parish website in full.**

In his recent Pastoral Letter "The Return to our Eucharistic Home", Archbishop Christopher reflected: "The gathering of the People of God for the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper is irresistible to the depths of the human spirit." Speaking of those who have recently become Catholics, he added "Ask those adults... [and] they will tell you as they have told me: 'Fully participating in the Mass we find our true home!' "Let us prepare now to welcome everyone's return to our Eucharistic 'home'."

Thank you for your patience and care for each other as we all slowly return.

This week Jesus continues to speak to us in parables. Amongst them we hear the parable of the mustard seed. This is one of the shortest parables and yet perhaps the most significant. It deals not just with passing realities nor moral codes, but with the very purpose of our existence. It deals with that lasting reality, *the Kingdom of God!*

This parable has long had the dominant, simple interpretation that "big things may have small beginnings". And while there is nothing wrong with such an interpretation, I can not help but think that Christ's intention is to go much deeper than this. After all, the very purpose of the parables is to reveal the deeper truths, to "expound things hidden since the foundation of the world" (Matt 13:35).

As Jesus is teaching by the lake, He begins to answer a question on the lips of all those gathered. "This Kingdom you talk about? What is it like?" The response they get is not what they expect. Many anticipated something like, "the Kingdom of God is like the great Cedar of Lebanon", the greatest of all trees; prominent, imposing, and strong. Growing to be about two to three hundred feet tall, the cedar was symbolic of the might and the coming of God's reign on earth.

Instead, anticipating the misconceptions many would have (and still do today), Jesus responds: "It is more like a mustard seed." "Sorry... what?!" they would have asked, forgiven for even perhaps clarifying, "Lord, do you know what a mustard seed is?" Of all the things Jesus could have chosen. Of all the images or in this case seeds He could have used. Jesus chose the mustard seed! Not only the smallest, but a seed that does not grow into a mighty tree at all. The mustard seed became more of a bush, similar to canola. It may become a tall weed, but it was no towering tree!

Jesus teaches that even though many think they understand, just as they think "I get it!" They discover that they really have no idea. This Kingdom is otherworldly, like nothing we have ever known. And so too God's Mercy. Many would have said "but the mustard seed doesn't become a tree, how can it have branches?" To which Jesus replies "Nor does the kingdom of God, nor the Church become what you expect or believe it to be!"

It's not just that "big things have small beginnings" (any seed could bring that conclusion). The mustard seed and the shrub it became was also, believe it or not, largely seen as a pest, a weed! It was seen as disruptive and a hassle! Is that not how many today would view the Church, religion, Jesus and even the Kingdom? It is not simply then that the mustard plant starts small, but that it take over everywhere, even where it is not wanted, and it is always victorious. It tends to get out of control and just when one thinks it is gone, it pops up again, impossible to poison or destroy. Jesus furthers this point by using the image of the yeast the woman places in the flour, which consumes and transforms all that it encounters. The weeds may grow in the field alongside the wheat that struggles in its midst, but the wonders of the kingdom always emerge in the end. Let this be our hope and joy, the truth and promise of a God whose Kingdom and Love is far beyond any conception or explanation of the human mind or heart.

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

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

**RCIA**—Fr Trenton van Reesch

Contact office to register your interest for next RCIA program.

**School of Religion**

See details below

**Youth Minister**—Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 20 Jul St Apollinaris  
Tue 21 Jul St Lawrence of Brindisi  
Wed 22 Jul St Mary Magdalene  
Thu 23 Jul St Bridget  
Fri 24 Jul St Sharbel Makhluף  
Sat 25 Jul St James, Apostle  
Sun 26 Jul 17th Sunday in Ordinary time

### **Legion of Mary**

Saturdays 3pm, Haydon Hall  
Contact: 0431 060 556

### **St Vincent de Paul**

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

### **Young Adults**

Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation

Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC  
Geetanjali Rogers

### **Good Shepherd Prayer Group**

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

### **Christian Meditation**

Saturday at 5pm SPC  
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

## 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.**

### **What is my Vocation? - GOD IS CALLING ... ARE YOU LISTENING?!**

Listening to God's call and responding to our vocation in life is a source of great joy and peace. You may feel you are being called to the priesthood, religious life or marriage. Do not be afraid to answer the call.

Don't expect a burning bush... It is not always easy to discern your vocation. There will be confirmations throughout life, however...there will also be distractions too. When Elijah listened for the Lord, he encountered a great wind, an earthquake and fire but the Lord was not in any of these signs. Rather God spoke in a "still, small voice" (1 Kings 19:11). We need the help of the Church to discern what God is asking of us, and a heart that opens itself courageously to the Holy Spirit. If you feel a call to the priesthood or religious life, contact **Fr Paul Nulley, Archdiocesan Vocations Director** or **Fr Trenton, Assistant Vocations director.**  
[paul\\_nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul_nulley@cg.org.au). [trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au](mailto:trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au).

**Planned giving Contributions:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2020-2021 financial year are available in the church. Please use only these new envelopes from July onwards, rather than any remaining 2019-2020 envelopes. (Some envelopes numbers will be changed for this coming financial year so we want to avoid any confusion from using the old envelope numbers). Thank you very much to all our generous givers.

**2019/20 Tax receipts** are available this weekend in the church. If you have supplied your email, please check your inbox for your receipt (also check your junk mail). Otherwise your receipt will be in the church.

**Parish Income & Expenditure summary** now available in the church

'Reflections of Faith'. Windows of Saint Peter Chanel's: the design, symbols and meanings of the stained glass windows of St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla. Interested readers can purchase a copy of 'Reflections of Faith' for \$5.00 from St Christopher's Parish Office, with all proceeds being donated to St Vincent de Paul. We congratulate Gloria Osborne on her work.

**Pastoral Visits**—Those who do regular home visitations are encouraged to recommence these visits, while observing all safety protocols. **Extraordinary Ministers** of Holy Communion can recommence their ministry only if they have received the flu shot; evidence of which must be produced before recommencing ministry. Fr Norvin and Fr Trenton are visiting the hospital, nursing and private homes to minister to the sick, struggling and dying. If you would like a visit from Fr Trenton or Fr Norvin for the sacraments or even just cappa and catch-up, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Know the closeness of your parish and priests in these days.

### **2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM RECOMMENCING**

**First Reconciliation** (yr 3 children): classes start Mon, 17 Aug 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will occur on 9 Sept. 2020.

**First Eucharist** (yr 4 children): classes start Mon, 17 Aug 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Church. The First Eucharist Mass will occur on 20 September at the 11am Mass, Cathedral.

**Confirmation** (yr 5 & 6 children): classes start Mon, 12 Oct 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation Mass will occur on Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 6pm.

These programs are for children who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More info. & Enrolment form on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

### **Saint Christopher's Youth & Young Adults**

#### **Adventurers Youth Group:**

**Sunday's at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's** our Primary youth group **Young Adventurers**, will gather at **SPC before 9:30am Mass** on a fortnightly basis. Next Meeting 26th July

#### **Young adults and professionals:**

Bible study every Thursday night 6:30-7:30 at Haydon Hall. **New members are always welcome!** Join 'Canberra Cathedral Young Adults' on Facebook to keep updated on all events! **Young Adults Brunch—26 July**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Please email me at [chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au)

**NEW! HOME Groups**—The Cathedral Parish is about to begin an exciting new Catechetical and fraternal initiative for young people. Taking place on Wednesdays from July 29<sup>th</sup> till August 26<sup>th</sup> (6-7.30pm) **HOME Groups** will cover 5 sessions over 5 weeks. These sessions are about hangout with friends and talking about the deeper questions of faith. Small groups will work through different topics on the Catholic Faith in a relax, informal way. Please RSVP your interest by Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Come and deepen the interior life and be equipped with the necessary truths to live out boldly and generously the Catholic Faith. Cost: \$30, will purchase the book *Evangelium* for each participant, and will be the material used for each session. Stay tuned for more HOME initiatives! Contact Chiara at [chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au).



# OTHER NEWS

**Mass live streamed daily** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

## **NEW PROTOCOLS - Please familiarize yourself with current guidelines**

- In accordance with government restrictions, **only 100 people** are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. NB: Families can sit together.
- Please use the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided at entrances.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

**Please Note: Maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares on the tiles mark this distance. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

**"Wedding Plans under Control?" - 1-2 Aug**— How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

**Mental Health—Are you struggling in this time of crisis?** CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn have been providing mental health services to the Canberra community and surrounding regions for nearly 20 years. They provide an extensive range of services including outreach, counselling and residential support. They are sure to have a service to meet your individual needs. We are here to help! Need to talk? 02 6162 6100.

**ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020** – *"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37*

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a **free event for registered participants**. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from **Saturday 15th August 2020**. **Registration will be free and available from Monday 29th June**. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. The ACBC National Men's Gathering is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. To register visit: <http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au/>

**Young Adults Spring Ball - 9 Oct.** Canberra Catholic Students and Young Professionals have been working on a Spring Ball at the Albert Hall, Canberra. With the unfolding COVID-19 situation, the date may have to be moved, but if you register your interest here before the end of July <https://cgatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> you will be updated on any change of details. For more information visit the Canberra Spring Ball event page on Facebook or contact Belle Joseph on 0412 689 976

## **Collection Points—New ways of Giving and Receiving**

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has now begun to move towards a simpler, and safer way of collecting money for parishioners and parish staff. Collection plates will **no longer** be passed about during Masses. Instead, we are introducing **donation points** around the Cathedral and Saint Peter Chanel's for your convenience. You are still able to donate in cash, however we strongly encourage electronic means of making your offering. **Direct debit** and **QKR** options are now available, as well as **TapnGo** machines.

**Planned Giving envelopes** are also now available for collection and can be placed in the collection boxes

**Following new archdiocesan protocols, there will now be only one collection taken. TapnGo and loose monies will be split 30% for archdiocesan clergy support (previously 1st collection) and 70% (previously 2nd collection) for our parish support.**

Thank you for your offering and your generosity.

**The First collection:** contributes to the clergy of the Archdiocese.

BSB:	062-786	Account Name:	CATHEDRAL
Bank Account:	000029248	Reference:	FORREST & SURNAME

**The Second collection:** contributes to the mission and maintenance of the parish. If you would like to give towards the Parish expenses 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

**Download the Qkr! App. QKR! At Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish—A New, Easier way to donate!**

Similar to swiping your phone at an EFTPOS Machine you can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to our parish community. Payments for 1<sup>st</sup> (Clergy) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish) are listed. Please ensure you include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Parish Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number on 62399846. For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish. For step by step Qkr! instructions with pictures, please visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

**Tap & Go PayWave Machine** to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

**We pray for...**

**Those who are ill:** Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin.

**Anniversaries of death:** 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, Keith Kong, John Cassidy

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Hallahan, Effie McKeogh, Carmel MacDonagh, Michael Somes, David Clark, Robert Somes, Dante Scorpecci, Rita O'Connor, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Tony Donohoe, Katarina Kish, Sr Mary Agnes, Colleen Cotter, Keith McLaughlin, Peter Becker, Regina Paredes, Hilda Quinones, Shirley Evans

## Readings of the Day – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.*

### First Reading

**Wis 12:13.16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

### Second Reading

**Rom 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

### Gospel Reading

**Mt 13:24-43**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	18/19 July	25/26 July	18/19 July	25/26 July
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Geraldene Ford	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Assigned Kristina Faigl	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Ruth Meadows Jaye Longland	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	Gabrielle Wright Veronica Shi Hui	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Jacob Madden	Scott Pobihun Rebekah O'Meagher	n/a	n/a

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