

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
26 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.

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
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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

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

COVID 19 – Closeness, Care and Sacrifice

Pope Francis is encouraging during this Covid-19 time the sharing of testimonies of hope. He says they teach us “how much we need closeness, care, sacrifice to nourish fraternity and civil coexistence. In this way we will emerge from this crisis stronger.”

Here is a beautiful sharing from Patrizia, a mother of two children in Northern Italy who is a nurse in a hospital caring for Covid-19 patients.

Patrizia writes of her colleagues as follows:

“Our work seems to have taking place on a battlefield where one is covered from head to toe. We become indistinguishable from each other, like Martians. With our uniforms, we are like a white, green and blue army.... I can testify that my view of my colleagues at this time has changed and has become more profound. The compassion I feel for all those faces marked by the masks and dripping with sweat is indescribable.”

She then writes of her Covid-19 patients as follows:

“The sadness and sense of loneliness that I feel when I walk into patients' rooms is impossible to fill. They who with a look full of hope extend their hand towards you to look for a caress, a hug, a little comfort, a smile, who ring the bell ten times with any excuse only to see a face, which, even if hidden behind a mask, is familiar to them..... Lingering by the side of the dying, who are denied the presence of their loved ones, I felt it was my duty to be there.”

Patrizia demonstrates great faith in the face of great fear. Her own faith really gives her the motivation to continue on. It even helps her to be enriched in her own humanity by affirming the human dignity of the sick.

Although we are not in the epicentre of this global crisis, we too can offer little testimonies of how the Lord has used us to share his “closeness, care and sacrifice” to those who are fearful at this time. Perhaps there are elderly members of our families and friends. Perhaps there are our neighbours. Do you have any testimonies of hope to offer? Although not as dramatic as Patrizia's testimony, I wonder if you would be prepared to share with Catholic Voice how you have offered or received from others the “caress of God” in these times. Please pass them onto us. We might publish them. It might help others to show deeper concern.

May I offer you two little prayerful testimonies on faith and fear?

The first is from **St John of Avila**, a sixteenth century Spanish priest and Doctor of the Church. He says, **“NOTHING CAN TERRIFY US AS MUCH AS JESUS CAN REASSURE US.”**

The second is a popular **English proverb**. It was sometimes quoted by Martin Luther King Jr in some of his famous talks. It says: **“FEAR KNOCKED AT THE DOOR. FAITH ANSWERED. NO ONE WAS THERE.”**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION
'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

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 27 Jul 17th week in ordinary time
Tue 28 Jul 17th week in ordinary time
Wed 29 Jul St Martha
Thu 30 Jul 17th week in ordinary time
Fri 31 Jul St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Sat 1 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
Sun 2 Aug 18th 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.

CHRIST IS CALLING... ARE YOU LISTENING? Hearing 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 or religious life**, but are still unsure. Do not be afraid to answer. Claim the date: Vocations Weekend for those discerning a call to the priesthood – **18th-20th September 2020**, Galong Monastery. More information to come. Contact Fr Nulley, Archdiocesan Vocations Director or Fr Trenton, Assistant. paul_nulley@cg.org.au. 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.

'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 safely 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. If you would like a visit from Fr Trenton or Fr Norvin for the sacraments or even just a cuppa and catch-up, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Know the closeness of your parish and priests in these days.

Catholic Weekly printed paper—Back on sale for \$2 per copy this weekend. Catholic Weekly found in the Franklin Street foyer. Please place payment in the Poor Box.

A New Bishop for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga – For the last 3 and a half years Archbishop Christopher has been the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Wagga Wagga. On the 26th of May, Pope Francis appointed **Bishop Mark Edwards OMI** as the sixth bishop of Wagga Wagga. We pray for Bishop Mark who was installed on **Wednesday 22 July 2020**, the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, in Saint Michael's Cathedral. We pray for our Archbishop Christopher and all bishops, successors of the Apostles.

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 or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Adventurers Primary Age 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**. Next Meeting this 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

Grill'd and God—4 Aug, 6pm, Grill'd Manuka. Burgers + Senior Students (Yr 10-12) from around Canberra + live music + important topics = a great night. Engage in discussion with the panel that will speak on the topic of 'What am I Worth?' You'll hear from Dean Pham (Marist Service Captain) Neve Tually (Merici Youth Minister) & Fr Trenton Van Reesch. There's a 40 person limit so book your spot quick here <https://www.trybooking.com/BKNRG> See you there!



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. Info: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Mental Health—Are you struggling in this time of crisis? CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn 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 is now an online event for registered participants. The program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. The intent is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. Registration now available. Go to: bit.ly/cm2020event.

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://cgccatholic.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.

14th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations—6 Sept-28 Nov. (launched by the Knights of the Southern Cross) praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life including Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas). All Catholic organisations/schools/colleges, parishes and individual Catholics throughout Australia are being invited to participate. Each participant is asked to choose one week during the Crusade period and pray the following Crusade Prayer each day:
"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

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 1st (Clergy) & 2nd 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://cgccatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Vivienne Courtenay

Those to be married: Luke Ciccarone & Jelena Salipur

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,

Readings of the Day – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, I love your commands.*

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: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.*

First Reading

1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Second Reading

Rom 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Reading

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	25/26 July	1/2 Aug	18/19 July	1/2 Aug
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Kristina Faigl	Philip Pocock Assigned	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Jaye Longland	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Veronica Shi Hui	Ceciley Matthews Lynn Chan	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Rebekah O'Meagher	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	n/a	n/a

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