

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
25 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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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

Rosary at the Cathedral

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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today, on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the Church celebrates the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. In this inaugural year Pope Francis takes the day's theme from Jesus' own words: "I am with you always" (Matt 28:20). These words, he writes, "are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you... *The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, [and] loves you...*"

In his message the Pope recognises the suffering of many older people, physically, emotionally and spiritually; especially during this global pandemic, but also in our society today more generally. He draws attention to Jesus' own grandparents, Joachim and Anne, who too knew the pain of estrangement, isolation and loneliness. Childless, they were cast aside by many. The angel of the Lord however speaks God's consolation and closeness to them; a moment captured in Giotto's famous fresco, *The Dream of Joachim*. God's messengers come, the Pope writes, to us too, "to remind us: "I am with you always"...That is the meaning of this Day."

Today we celebrate the charism and gift of grandparents and the elderly – you are needed and loved! "[You] remind us that old age is a gift and that [you are] the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." In a culture which dismisses old age, indeed a 'throwaway' culture, the church elevates and gives thanks for grandparents and the elderly who are bulwarks of true wisdom, faith and patient fidelity. Francis reminds us: "The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."

The Pope's message in full is available on the parish website. Being such a significant day, Pope Francis has also granted a Plenary Indulgence, under the unusual conditions (see inside bulletin).

Friends, today the Archbishop also appropriately blesses, in the Year of St. Joseph, our **Sleeping Saint Joseph Statue**. Like Joachim and Anne who received a message from an angel, and too the Blessed Virgin – yet only once, as far as we know – Joseph, is visited more than once, guiding him step by step through troubled times. These 'visits' however came when he was his most vulnerable *and* receptive, that is, in the depth of his slumber.

The angel warns Joseph in a dream not to be afraid, to take Mary as his wife (Matt 1:20), and again to take Jesus and Mary into Egypt, escaping the wrath of Herod (Matt. 2:13). When it was time to return, again, the angel spoke through a dream (Matt. 2:19-23); leading Joseph through every twist and turn and never abandoning him.

God spoke in dreams throughout the Old Testament. From Abraham (Gen 15:1) to Jacob (Gen 28:10-17) to Pharaoh (Gen 41), Solomon (1 Kings 3:5), and later even a warning to Pilate's wife! (Matt 27:19) This is a powerful image. In sleep our own wills are suspended, and in this surrender, as our own action and will subside, we hear God speak.

Sleep itself is an act of surrender and trust. There is a wonderful story of Pope St. John XXIII. As he lay down to sleep at night, he'd say, "Well Lord, it's your Church, you take care of it; I'm going to sleep." What an honest act of entrustment to God's care, as well as acceptance of our own limitations. We cast aside our worries and place them into God's plan and Hands. This is what Joseph did at every step of the Holy Family's journey.

And yet, notice that left to themselves dreams remain just that, dreams. God can speak, but we must choose to act! Joseph, as the model of receptivity and trust, awoke to *enacted the will of God*. Giving a 'yes' to His invitation and direction. Francis remarks: "...like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act." The balance then becomes one of entrusting, listening *and* then acting.

We discover in Joseph a man whose spiritual path "is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*", not in an act of resignation, but a spirit "courageously and firmly proactive" the Pope writes in *Patris Corde*. With the "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." Joseph places his hope and life in God's word, and allows us too, to unite our worries and prayers to him, to 'sleep' on our petitions – to dream of them and to offer them to Christ.

You are invited to place your own prayers and worries under Sleeping Joseph, that he may 'sleep-on-it' and teach us too to entrust it to God. And as you sleep may God restore and guide you, as he did his beloved Joseph, along every step of the journey home.

Father Trenton van Reesch

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

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 26 Jul Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 27 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 28 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Thu 29 Jul St Martha

Fri 30 Jul Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sat 31 Jul St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Sun 32 Jul 18th 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION – will be available after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 25th July.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on this *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* –

Pope Francis, 'to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls', grants today a plenary indulgence (under usual conditions of **sacramental confession**, **reception of Holy Communion** and **praying for the intentions of the Pope**); which may also be offered as suffrage for souls in Purgatory. It is granted to grandparents, the elderly, and *all* who unite themselves to this World Day in the Mass, but also to those unable to leave their homes, as well as those who lovingly spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need (including the sick, and the abandoned), with the intention of fulfilling the unusual requirements as soon as possible.

LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT: Do you want to deepen your Catholic faith? Do you want to serve God under the patronage of Our Lady? Why not join the Cathedral Legion of Mary group! Recruitment drive after Masses on Sat 31 Jul - Sun 1 Aug or contact 0431 060 556.

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.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS: Tax receipts for 2020/21 have been emailed to you if you have provided your email to the Cathedral Parish Office. All other receipts will be provided on request only to the Parish Office. Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021-2022 financial year are available for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please use only these new envelopes from July onwards, rather than any remaining 2020-2021 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.

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 of for more Information, email cathedral@cg.org.au

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH

SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Reconciliation classes continues 27 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.

OTHER NEWS

LETS KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

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.



New Life in God's Spirit seminar - a time for you to encounter Jesus more deeply! Wednesday evenings from 28 July to 15 September, 7-9pm at St Peter Chanel's, Weston Street, Yarralumla. Free! For more information, call Neda 0415 266 019; Sue 0409 443 268; or Gabriel 0422 285 491.

Ecumenical Fellowship Day Service—Friday 30 July, 11am, Ainslie Church of Christ, Limestone Avenue, Ainslie. This Service written by Australian Church Women, ACT unit is be used Australia wide. All welcome.

Marymead's Card and Games Day—Mon. 2 Aug, 9.30am, Royal Canberra Golf Club commencing. \$45pp includes lunch, a glass of wine/ juice, tea, coffee and petit fours. There will be a raffle and craft and preserves for sale on the day. Tables of 4. To book go to www.marymead.org.au. Bookings close 27th July.

Next Fireside Chat: Monsignor John Woods Parish Priest of Transfiguration Parish North Woden, will share on his experience as the Chaplain to the Canberra Raiders and will offer a new take on the 'theology of the body' . Friday August 6, 1:30-2:30pm @ The Canberra Catholic Bookshop, 55 Franklin Street Manuka. Refreshments served. Calling Authors, Artists, Travellers and Story Tellers – if you would like to join us on the first Friday of the month for Fireside Chats and share your story with others, contact Elizabeth on 6239 9888.

Online Archdiocesan Alpha Course –13 Aug, 5.30pm—series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning with Archbishop Christopher and other leaders. Alpha is completely free and everyone is welcome. An Archdiocesan Registration and information at cgatholic.org.au/alpha.

Engaged Encounter Retreat - 7-8 Aug. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. More information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: Aug 7-8, Nov 13-14 2021; Feb 19-20 2022

Profession 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.

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

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/fanthefflame/

We pray for...

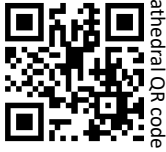
Those to be baptised: Mary McCracken; Adira Sharma

Those who are ill: Ferry Tedjadi, 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: Bert 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, Keith Wong, John Cassidy

Recently Deceased: Aurelio Biurra, Eduardo Telaez Tan, 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

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



Cathedral QR code

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: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!*

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

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Second Reading

Eph 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Reading

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors

Mass	24/25 July	31 July/1 Aug		
5.00pm (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Ruth Meadows	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Mike Nash	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Phil Pocock	Liza Quinn Assigned		
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Lynn Chan	Jaye Longland Gloria Osborne		
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Edwina Hyman	Cecilia Flores Kristina Faigl		
5.30pm (SCC)	Denis Fisher Denise Fisher	Annabelle Devitt Francilia Gomes		