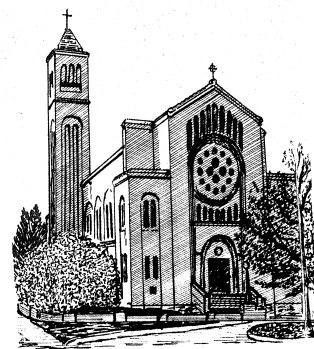


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
2 August 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
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

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Sunday marks the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week* (2nd–9th August). This week the whole Church is called to pray for an increase in vocations, and to support and encourage those discerning their vocation. We pray for young people in our community and our families, that the Lord enlighten and give them the grace and *courage* to respond to His call. And responding does take great courage! Perhaps you know of someone? Have you ever asked them what they think God is calling them to?

The word *vocation* comes from the Latin *vocare*, meaning *to call*. God's call is not about becoming someone we are not, but about becoming more fully the one He created us to be. How is Christ calling you to make Him present, known and glorified in the world? He calls some to marriage, some to priesthood, others to the consecrated life, or to live generously for Him in the single state. This week the Lord invites each of us to pray about how God is calling *us personally* to discover and live our vocation more deeply.

Pope Francis recently encouraged all Catholics to contemplate their vocation, but in a particular way he called on young men to *be courageous and generous* in embarking, just as the first disciples did, on a vocation to the priesthood. The Pope acknowledged that answering the Lord's call demands the courage to take a risk, but at its heart, it is an unsurpassable invitation to become part of an important mission. Christ's mission. It is a call to fall in love with the One who created you, out of love and for love, in a way of utter service and sacrifice.

"I invite everyone" he said, "to ask the Lord for the gift of good labourers for His Kingdom, with hearts and hands open to His love."

"Christian existence is always a response to God's call, in any state of life," he concluded.

On Saturday the 8th of August we celebrate the Feast Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australian born canonised saint! Saint Mary was a woman who listened to God's word and answered it with courage and humility. Her life was characterised by her will to be used as *Christ's* instrument. To radiate His love and presence to the world. We know St Mary best for one of her most repeated sayings: 'Never see a need without doing something about it.' We pray with confidence in this special week, that many young people in our community, nation, and world, may embrace this spirit of response and love.

Equally, if you are a young woman who feels God is calling you to religious life, come and chat, and we can help you discern and point you in the direction of others to journey with you.

Do not be afraid, to answer His call.

"The Teacher is here... and He is asking for you." (Jn 11:28)

As a young man, do you feel called to the priesthood? "Come and See" (Jn 1:39) Contact: Fr Nulley, Archdiocesan Vocations Director: paul_nulley@cg.org.au. or Fr Trenton, Assistant Director: trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au.

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 3 Aug St Dominic
Tue 4 Aug St John Mary Vianney
Wed 5 Aug The Dedication of the
Basilica of St Mary Major
Thu 6 Aug The Transfiguration of the
Lord
Fri 7 Aug St Sixtus II & Companions,
St Cajetan
Sat 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross, virgin
Sun 9 Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary

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.**

No ADORATION this Sunday at St Peter Chanel's between 2 & 3pm. Apologies for this inconvenience.

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 Week-end 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': 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.

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.

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: 9 Aug

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—30 Aug**, 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.

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.

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."

SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT - A Transport Service that Provides a Companion. Do you or someone close to you wish to attend church but don't have the means or a companion to make it happen? **CareTaxi** is your answer. Your fulfilment is our blessing! Holy Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sight-seeing, school trip and more; our qualified and caring drivers can assist you. Visit www.caretaxi.com.au, call +61 451 734 334 or email services@caretaxi.com.au



Women Alive—8 Aug—Indian, Pakistani & Sri Lankan Catholic women of the local region, warmly welcome any women of the Archdiocese who would like to join them by zoom for their monthly rosary and reflection. The reflection will commence at 4:30 with the Rosary followed by a reflection at 5:15 by from Mrs Anastasia Rebello. Anastasia is one of over 100 lay Ministers of the Word trained and commissioned by the Bishops of Mumbai in recent years to minister amongst the faithful. Join from your home us for some inspiration and encouragement! Contact Winiefred at winrebello09@gmail.com or on 0451 015 527 for the zoom details.

Women's Reflection Afternoon—29 Aug, 2-4pm (livestreamed). Participate at home or gather with friends wherever you have internet access. The afternoon will include two inspiring talks and several short guided prayer experiences provided by local prayer groups and movements. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. More details next week. Enquiries Email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

My Voice - Youth— seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three-year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4-7. If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: cgyouth.org.au/myvoice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Doyle

Anniversaries of death: Bruna Stevenson, Maria Memmolo, Clare O'Connor, Rosa Morabito, Pat Boyle, Alejandro & Orlando Cerda, Alex Skleplic, Petty Gonsalvez, Paul Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Joan Kaucz, Anka Gnjec, Tulla & Sam Brown, Gwen & Mick Gallagher, Michael O'Brien, Odette Gaspardis, Michael McKeown, Flo Daley, Fr Vincent Dowdy, Amelia Kneipp, William Saw, Anna Kieswimmer, Margaret Mary Kelly, Kath Durie, Annie James, Eileen Biggs, Annie Davis, Sr Gertrude Ryan, Michael Heath, Michael O'Connor, Cardinal EB Clancy, Fr Giuseppe Canova, Fr Adrian Cork, James Rice, Kit Dale, Rita Dodson, Noel Honan, Marjorie Kenny, Patricia Robertson, Charlie Morella, Norman Stevenson

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 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

First Reading

Is 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Second Reading

Rom 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mt 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	1/2 Aug	8/9 Aug	18/19 July	1/2 Aug
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	Marcelle Disanayake Felicity de Fombelle	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Philip Pocock Assigned	Louise Zavone Philip Pocock	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Jaye Longland Ruth Meadows	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Lynn Chan	Mark Hyman Leeann Galloway	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	To be assigned	n/a	n/a

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