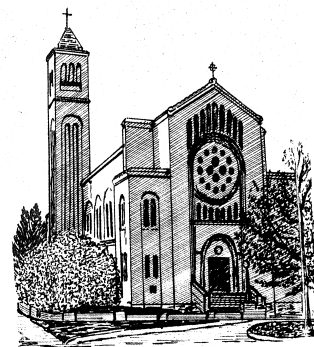


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



1st Sunday of Advent,
Year B
3 December 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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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
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets, Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday (& Public Holidays):
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

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

Monday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon–Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun 4:45pm

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

1st Sunday of Advent

Today marks a New Year and Season in our liturgical calendar – one of anticipation and Hope! It is a season which reminds us of a truth we too often are prone to forget. A Season we desperately need. It is a Season of the Promise, the joyful truth which God echoes in every heart! And that promise is of a God who comes close, bringing hope, especially to places where hope seems most unlikely.

In this first week of Advent, Jesus repeats a warning to his disciples, “stay awake!” But what is it we must be awake to? All those things that so often take our hearts and minds away from love of him: indifference, inner apathy and lukewarmness, and of course the sin that clings so easily (Heb 12:1). But perhaps – more than ever – we are called to awake to the temptation and deception of... *hopelessness*.

The word Advent comes from a Latin *adventus*, and while often simply described as a time of waiting and preparation, this word's origins indicate a far richer meaning, with significant implications for the Gospel message.

A form of the verb *advenio*, meaning *to arrive, come to, or even develop - adventus* also means invasion, ripening, or appearing. Advent is then time of *God's breaking into the human experience* and all it entails. Its twists and turns, its joys and immense sorrows. Our God does not stay far off, nor distant like the ancient greek idea of the gods of old. This kind of god is useless... I'll be happy to admit, and ineffectual.

The God of Jesus Christ however – the One true God – fearlessly and lovingly comes so close. And in a way that the human mind and heart could never make up for themselves. Becoming a helpless infant and Hope and Light of the world.

The use of *adventus* in the military homecomings in the ancient world is here, for this reason, noteworthy. In Ancient Rome, *adventus*, was used to describe the 'glorious entry' of the emperor when he came back into his capital after military victory. In this vein Advent speaks of the Mystery of God who continues to come to us, triumphant back into that which he owns – he 'invades' we could say, the darkness, poverty and mess of my life and your life, here and now. Hope born into hopelessness. Entering back among his own; back to claim that which is truly his, you and I.

Advent is thus the time to prepare and remind our hearts of the Hope which invades an otherwise hopeless world. So let us “stay awake”, attentive in the most subtle moments of our lives, to the voice of Love which breaks into the world of flesh and blood, the world of uncertainty.

Let us be attentive to the God who is here and now, or nowhere and never! This Advent is a gift, don't waste it, it is the time to reflect on The Certainty. The Certainty who now has a face and a Name, entering into our midst.

May we have a blessed and hope-filled Advent – wherever we find ourselves. And let us pray that the peace which only this Child can give, may invade every human heart, which in *hope*, joyfully awaits his Coming.

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Dec 4 1st Week of Advent
Tues Dec 5 1st Week of Advent
Wed Dec 6 1st Week of Advent
Thu. Dec 7 1st Week of Advent
St Ambrose
Fri. Dec 8 1st Week of Advent
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Sat. Dec 9 1st Week of Advent
Sun Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr, B

PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group
Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation
Saturday at 4:30pm 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 begins Feb.

Filipino Community
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Cathedral

5pm Vigil
Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.15pm)
8am Mass
11am Mass
5pm

St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

9.00pm Vigil
9:30am Mass



PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY— You are invited to the Cathedral Parish Christmas Party. **Friday 15 Dec, 6-8pm**, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please feel free to bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. All are welcome!

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Help support families struggling this Christmas. Boxes are available in churches to receive hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts, to distribute to families in need. Thank you always for your generosity.

ROUNDTABLE INVITATION— **Theme: Enriching the Domestic Church: Celebrating the Gift of our Families.** In preparation for our Archdiocesan Assembly in October 2024 you are invited to participate in a series of prayerful listening & discussion 'roundtables' on various topics. This Thu 7th Dec we will reflect on the blessings and challenges of family life in relation to the evangelising mission of the Church. Attend in person or online (Zoom). **Thursday 7 December | Haydon Hall | 7:00pm - 8:30pm** More info at www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/ Register at <https://tally.so/r/3xJdY9>

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE— Come along and join in singing with the Cathedral Choir in a service of Christmas carols and readings. **Thursday 14 December 7:00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral.**

Ministry Support Officer Application -The Archdiocese is seeking a skilled applicant keen to provide practical and administrative support to the Marriage Family & Relationships team who run faith-based relationship formation programs for students, parents and families, as well as engaged & married couples. For more information and to apply text "Job Info" to 0429 192 869 by **Fri 8th Dec**

Baptist Care - Special Ministers of the Eucharist—Seeking volunteers to bring communion to Catholic residents at BaptistCare Carey Gardens Aged Care Home, Red Hill. You will be required to undertake training which will be provided and hold a WWVP card. Contact the Cathedral office for more info.

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH — Join us for the final Conversations on Faith session for the year! We are delighted to have our very own, Fr Trenton Van Reesch who will be sharing his insights on the topic of **Faith and Personal Prayer**. Please join us as we explore ways to tune into the voice of God in our daily prayer and how to make our time with God the cornerstone of our lives. **7-9pm** with the talk kicking off at 7.30pm in the Haydon Hall **Tuesday 5th December.** All are welcome!

Vigil Mass – Saint Peter Chanel's Yarralumla, 6pm Mass— Friends, in recent years the number of parishioners and visitors attending the 6pm Vigil Mass at SPC has slowly declined, while numbers at the five other Masses in the parish have increased. For this reason we have decided that the 6pm Vigil Mass will cease to be offered at the end of December 2023. The Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass will continue to be offered at the Cathedral. I understand that this inevitable decision will come as a disappointment to many who have attended Mass at this time for some years. Of course, the 930am Mass on Sundays will remain.
I thank you most graciously for your understanding.

NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines Thank you sincerely for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit . The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish.

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

The Second collection: contributes to parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give 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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

Plenary Council: Letter to the people of God — Released a statement reflecting on the fifth Plenary Council of Australia. 26 November 2023 | Solemnity of Christ the King. The document can be found on the Cathedral website.

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

MARYMEAD CATHOLIC CARE CANBERRA & GOULBURN— Since opening its doors in June 2020, MacKillop House has given accommodation to 125 single women aged between 18-80 in the 'big house' and 20 Mothers with some 34 accompanying children in the 6 Villas. The generosity of many has enabled the refurbishment of 25 bedrooms to continue and carpet to be replaced. The need is great! We welcome donations to help make a difference! All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Visit our website <https://mcccg.org.au> and go to the 'donate' box at top right of page, or by direct transfer: BSB: 062-786; Account Number 00010602; Account Name: CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn. Please indicate that the donation is for 'MacKillop House' and email advice to Noelene.quinane@mcccg.org.au

JPII Immersion Course— Young Adults aged 18-35 years are invited to apply for sponsorship to attend a six day Theology of the Body **Immersion Course on JPII's Love and Responsibility** with Dr Christopher West, **21-26 January 2024** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville. More info at www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/ To apply for sponsorship text "JPII Course" to 0429 192 896 Closes **Fri 8th Dec.**



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Imogen Monagle

Those to be married: Cassandra Schirripa & Charles Ban, Paula Prineas & Aisosa Ihegie

Those who are ill: Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner, Bruest Family, Sweeten Family, Mahony Family, Filomena Zulli, Rosario Morgante, Alan & Hazel Hobday

Recently Deceased: Jeanette Marie Evans, Frank Fulop, Tim Davies, Jerina Junakovic, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Don Debus, Raymond Anthony, Kevin Bray, Colin Dwyer, Anita Ong-Siong Sy, Mgr Rob Egar, Rosa Mustapic, Pamela Rotmwell, Norma May,

1st Sunday of Advent —Year B — 2/3 December



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Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You Lord, yourself are the Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down— at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel

Mt 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

READERS ROSTER DECEMBER

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	2/3 Dec	9/10 Dec	2/3 Dec	9/10 Dec
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Crystal Lavien Jacob Madden		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle	Fiona Wheeler		
8.00am (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Marcelle Disanayake Tarinya Hannedege		
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Bianca Goh	Bronwen Grey Cecilia Flores	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Lynette Yap	Anthony Brierley Kevin Woods		

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