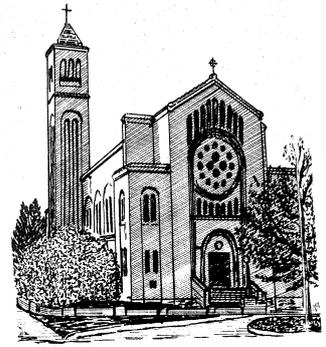


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



1st Sunday of Lent  
Year B -  
21 Feb 2021

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

**Masses at St Christopher's  
will be offered with a maxi-  
mum of 260 people present  
until further notice**

## PARISH OFFICE

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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,  
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

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

In the 40 days of Lent we journey towards the light of Easter, entering now a period of preparation. This time echoes the forty years in the desert were God's people prepared to enter the promised land - as well as the forty days Jesus spent in the desert before his public ministry. And yet, we are not simply left to wander ... and wonder! With the graced disciplines of *prayer*, *fasting* and *almsgiving*, our Mother the Church, accompanies us on the journey, giving us tools, as we prepare to enter and celebrate the heart of the Christian Mystery; the victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death. In these days particularly, when darkness and death seem to hold sway in so many ways, the Truth of this journeying season and the Promise of Easter in which it culminates, ring ever brighter and louder.

The image of journeying is at the heart of the Christian life. The scriptures themselves are full of journeys. We recall the story of Noah's migration, and that of Abraham. The Exodus from Egypt and the return from exile in Babylon. The story of the Holy Family, journeying to Bethlehem for the census, and then their journey into exile; into the very place which once held their ancestors as slaves. There is of course the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, which we will soon observe. And even today, the Emmaus journey. Indeed the whole of scripture comprises one great journeying- perhaps summed up in that of the first Adam's journey from the garden, and the returning journey which we make through the New Adam, Jesus.

Of course, a journey in its simplest form calls for change, a movement from one location to another. In this sense, it could be referred to as a dis-location. Yet within this image is revealed the truer nature of a journey. If you've ever dislocated something, you'll know how painful, and even dis-comforting it can be. In the same way the Christian life is a journeying, which is more often a dis-location. A being taken from one place to another. And while it is true to say that God never loves from a distance, it can equally be said that God never leaves us *where* and *as* we are. God always dis-locates us. Daily, he calls us to leave the place of comfort, which has perhaps become a place of indifference and spiritual languor - to leave the old ways and world behind, and to embark on the journey which promises the garden of Easter. The journey can be dis-comforting, even with moments of agony. Yet it is the journey which promises fullness of life.

When a person wanders, they know no purpose or direction. When they journey however, no matter the road, the twists and turns, they *know* the place to which they go. This is the Christian journey. We are not orphans, without identity nor destination. While 'false gods' leave us where we are, stagnant and saddened, the True God calls us, and not only calls, but journeys with us. To the cross of Calvary and soon... to the heights of Easter.

Friends, Lent is the grace filled time to move from wandering to journeying, a journey we never make alone. The 'steppingstones' by which we trek are those disciplines through which we grow in a greater love of God (*prayer*), a more generous love of neighbour (*alms giving*), and a truer love of ourselves (*fasting*). We recommit ourselves in these 40 days to building our lives on these three loves, so that setting out on the journey we many one day embrace its completion.

On this First Sunday of Lent the Archdiocese welcomes through the *Rite of Election*, those who will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at Easter. It marks the beginning of a period where the 'elect' (as they will soon be called) come to know Christ more deeply, surrounded by their new family in faith. We congratulate our brothers and sisters, and pledge our prayers as we continue on the great journey together.

A blessed Lenten Journey, Fr Trenton

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

**Director of Music**

*Jaki Kane*

**RCIA**

*Please keep our candidates & catechumens in your prayers.*

**School of Religion**

*See ad under Parish News.*

**Youth Minister**

*Anh Tran*

Email: [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

**Weekly Liturgical**

**Calendar**

Mon 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Tue 23 Feb St Polycarp

Wed 24 Feb Wed of the 1st week of Lent

Thu 25 Feb Thurs of the 1st week of Lent

Fri 26 Feb Fri of the 1st week of Lent

Sat 27 Feb Sat of the 1st week of Lent

Sun 28 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent

**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)*

*Sundays, 8.45am SPC—*

*Resumes, February 2021*

**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*

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

**RITE OF THE ELECT**—At the Easter Vigil, Patrick Hassall, Bianca Paula Montiel, Penelope Carson, Jake Morgan and Hans Wang will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. This weekend they, along with many others from around the Archdiocese, having made the decision to share in the Catholic Faith, are welcomed by Archbishop Christopher in the Rite of Election. We joyously congratulate and continue to pray for all these who are preparing for Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. We are blessed to have their witness of faith in our midst; let us continue to ourselves draw strength from them in these days of Lent as we journey alongside them.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT** — 5pm Fridays during Lent, Saint Christopher's Cathedral. This replaces Adoration during Lent.

**WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE:** 18 February – 25 March, Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm. Led by Archbishop Prowse, the renewal experience involves livestreamed teaching, prayer, discussion, community hubs, and Encounter Nights. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Registration and further information is available at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>.

**LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE PARISH GROUP** - You are invited to join our Parish Group to participate in the Archbishop's Lenten Renewal Experience. Please email Leeann Galloway c/- the Parish Office at [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) for further information.

**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 the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN LENT**— 7.15pm each Tuesday for 1 hr, from 23 February for 5 successive Tuesdays, St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Yarralumla. The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 – "Be still and know that I am God". An opportunity to experience this prayer practice, learn about its origins & discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up. ([wccmaustralia.org.au](http://wccmaustralia.org.au)). Enquire: Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918.

**2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM**

**Confirmation classes** starts Tues, 20 April, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older 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 information and Enrolment form on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Garden group are about to begin the next phase of planting in the Saint Peter Chanel's' garden project, and are calling for volunteers. Contact: Mick Roche (0400 066 408).

**Parish Collections**

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider re-commencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

**New ways of Giving**

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

[www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass 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 at any one time.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 2sqm 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 hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- 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.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop** - We have an 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.



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Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

**Aid to the Church in Need:** As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org). **Job Vacancies** - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work).

**Raising Fathers**— Tues 2 Mar, 5.30-7.30pm, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, behind the Cathedral. —Robert Falzon will be unpacking the stories and themes of his latest book at a special evening event. Register online <https://cgatholic.org.au/raisingfathers>.

**Food for Soul and Body**— 9 Mar, 6pm-9.30pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. University, TAFE, and College students are invited to meet the local Right to Life Council Members for a light meal and information evening on 'Life Issues'. See Development of Life Models on display. Contact: 0418 718 713, or email [345bevc@gmail.com](mailto:345bevc@gmail.com)

**Men's Cursillo Weekend**—25 Mar 2021. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff ([chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com), 0451 013 772).

**Palms Australia: The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



**Merici College Enrolling Now!** Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm. Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May. Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October. Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

**The Catholic Guy Online Lenten Resource**—Journey through Lent with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, with daily devotionals, prayer and reflection materials available via email and online. For more information and registration, go to [www.BruceDownes.org/Lent](http://www.BruceDownes.org/Lent)



**Project Compassion Sunday**  
21st February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Lola Cottle

**Those to be married:** Brooke Jermyn & Rudt Postai

**Those who are ill:** Bronwen Grey, Katarina Imsinovic, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono

**Anniversaries of death:** Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs, Audrey Fernandec

**Recently Deceased:** Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings

## Readings of the Day – 1st Sunday of Lent —Year B



Cathedral QR code

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

### First Reading

**Gen 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### Second Reading

**1 Pt 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### Gospel Reading

**Mk 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	20/21 Feb	27/28 Feb	
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Scott Pobihun	Stewart Unwin Becky Langworthy	
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash	Scott Pobihun Fiona Wheeler	
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Mineke Peerboom Assigned	
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Lynn Chan Jaye Longland	
11.00am (SCC)	Ranee George Ceciley Mathews	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Rebekah O'Meaghan	Rebekah O'Meagher Gabrielle Wright	

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