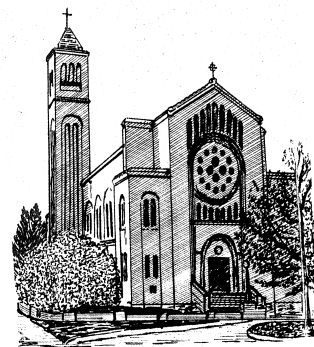


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(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

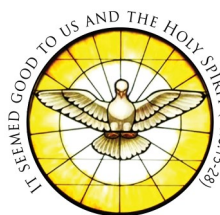


1st Sunday of Lent,
Year B
18 February 2024

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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

LENT BEGINS - LET US SET OUT..

"Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey!" – Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday Homily, 2014

On this First Sunday of Lent the Archdiocese gathers and welcomes those seeking baptism and full communion with the Church, to celebrate another major step in the journey. Those who have been baptised Christian already and who desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church will also be welcomed by the Archbishop in this important celebration. The **Rite of Election**, as it is called, will take place at 10am on Sunday morning in *Haydon Hall*. It marks the beginning of a period where the 'elect' (as they will soon be called) come to know Christ more deeply, surrounded and led by their new family in faith. These Elect will be baptised and will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. This is an *immense* moment of joy for the Church. We congratulate our brothers and sisters, and pledge our support and prayers as we continue on the great journey *together*. May Christ always be their guide, comfort and *Life itself*.

As we now move into the great and beautiful Season of Lent, may the ears of our hearts be sharpened to the daily call of God to *choose Him* always; and may the wisdom in Pope Francis' words intensely characterise the 40 days ahead:

"God is always faithful"... and so, "in filial confidence, let us set out on the journey!"

Know always of your priests' prayers for you.

Fr Trenton



NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Feb 19 1st Week of Lent
Tues Feb 20 1st Week of Lent
Wed Feb 21 1st Week of Lent
St Peter Damian
Thu. Feb 22 The Chair of St Peter the
Apostle
Fri. Feb 23 1st Week of Lent
St Polycarp
Sat. Feb 17 1st Week of Lent
Sun Feb 18 2nd Sunday of LENT 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.**

LENT—STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5pm each FRIDAY during Lent.
Saint Christopher's Cathedral.



- Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence (no meat).
- Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. In Lent, we omit the "Alleluia" at Mass.

2024 Lenten message from His Holiness, Pope Francis—available on the Cathedral website.

RITE OF THE ELECT – 18th February - First Sunday of Lent - 10am, Cathedral Crypt. We pray for the 10 individuals who are preparing to become Catholic at Easter time, and welcome them warmly, to our community.

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2024— Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or at 1800 024 413. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations



February | Marriage Preparation Course—Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, **Sat 24 & Sun 25**. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au **Enquiries:** Contact Lara Kirk on lara.kirk@cg.org.au or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP— Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. **Date:** Thursday **14 March 2024**, at Merci College, Wise Street Braddon. **5.30 -7.00pm Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

ST THOMAS MOORE FORUM— How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan Society, **Wed 20 Mar 7.30pm- 9pm**, Speaker: Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, The Australian Newspaper & Author. Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324> Engaging an AI Generation **Fri 14 Jun 6.45pm**, Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG Ministry. Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624>

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— Confirmation classes start **Tues 2 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation will take place on Saturday **18 May 2024** at the **5pm Vigil**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Holy Communion will start on the **9 May** for the **2 June** and First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

PRAYERS— Please pray for parishioners Vlad and Lily Mosmondor and their daughter, Melissa, who were recently involved in a car accident, in Deakin. They are recovering, but still require treatment and surgeries. The Mosmondor family have been active in St Peter Chanel's since her earliest years.

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 cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

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

A Lenten Journey - The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us each Wednesday evening for talks, sharing groups and worship. Deepen your faith this Lent and draw closer to Jesus. **Weds 21 Feb to Weds 27 March, 7pm-9pm**, Parish Room, St Peter Chancels, Weston St, Yarralumla. Call/text Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293, Gabriel 0422 285 491 for more info.

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, at SFX Hall at **11am on 16 March 2024**. Followed by lunch at 1882 restaurant in Hall. For further details: lore-to.canberra@gmail.com

The Caritas Project Compassion Appeal is now available in the Parish Qkr App. Your donation helps Caritas Australia in their work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER 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 who are ill: Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, 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: Lauren Rochette, Alfonso Cadona, 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, Eduardo Makaventa, Eugene Makaventa, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs, Norma Roach, Gail Fenton

Recently Deceased: Suzanne Wall, Dora Marleny Rodriguez Navarro, Kevin Allen, Mark Canning, Meg Dooley, Joan Percy (mother of Father Tony Percy), Ray Finnegan, Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Giysetino Ricciuti, Rathesh Fernando (brother of Fr Rembert Fernando) Geraldine Conlan, Neville Reece

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Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him lengths of days.

Responsorial: 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

Genesis 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 Peter 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

Mark 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.'

READERS ROSTER FEBRUARY

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Samantha Hazlett	Ruth Meadows Les Buszynski		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Becky Langworthy Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Jaye Longland	Irene Maranan Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Les Buszynski	Cecilia Flores Samantha Hazlett	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher	Rebekah O'Meagher Anthony Brierley		

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