



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

1st Sunday in  
Advent  
Year C -  
28 Nov 2021

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



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St Christopher's &  
St Peter Chanel's  
are currently open to  
limited numbers and  
restrictions.

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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),  
5.00pm \**Note new time*

### **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  
4:45pm

## 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, Year C

Remember, almost 20 years ago now, that anti-terrorism ad which sounded the warning "Be alert, but not alarmed"? Sadly, such a slogan was appropriate for the dangers our world faced anew. Yet for a different reason, I think such a phrase also seems a fitting exhortation for us and all people of faith – or so Jesus teaches on this first Sunday of Advent. "Stay awake!" he says.

But what are we in danger of falling asleep to?

The word advent – like many others – has its origins in the Latin *adventus*, a word which expresses the time of waiting and preparation leading up to Christmas. In its purest form however, *adventus* can also translate as *invasion*, *incursion*, or *appearing*. It's relation to military homecomings is especially interesting. In ancient Rome the term was used to express the 'glorious entry' of the emperor back into his city, often following a military victory. As happens however, over time minds and hearts drifted from the word's origin and so the richness of what 'Advent' truly signifies.

Advent speaks of the mystery in and for which you and I are created. In truth, our whole lives are an advent. And so with this joyous season upon us once more, we enter a season of waiting and hoping, sure. Yet not a waiting for the God whom we hope to find, but rather the God who burst in to finds us; who enters creation and comes *all the way to us*, in his humanity.

It is all God's doing. God come to us, his glorious entrance into the broken city of our humanity; to announce victory and reclaim what is his.

Advent is a time then of unfathomable mercy. It is a time for us to grow in our desire for the one who knows, seeks and desires to be close to us. It is a time to seek the Lord's healing touch in Confession, and to sit with him in Adoration.

We need never be afraid of Jesus' coming, but long for it, living each day in joyful expectation of him who is everything the human heart longs for. In these days we set our sights firmly then on the infinite mercy that takes flesh in Jesus.

Jesus is Hope and Promise born into our broken, confusing, covid-shaken world. And he is given to and seeks out *all*, no matter our story or situation.

So may we "stay awake" and ready in these days, encouraging all whom we know and serve of this truth. For if we are alert, living this truth daily, when the time comes, we need never be alarmed!

Finally, Friday marked **Michelle O'Connor's** last day as our Parish Secretary. I want to thank Michelle from the bottom of my heart for the dedication and care with which she has served us, over many years. Know of our deep appreciation and affection Michelle. You will be missed. On behalf of our parish, I wish you all the best and assure you of our ongoing prayers. Michelle will be at our annual Christmas party (Dec 10th), where we will have the chance to thank her more formally, please join us.

Friends, may our Advent journey be a blessed, joyous, refreshing and encouraging one.  
*Come Lord Jesus!*

**Father Trenton van Reesch**  
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

### RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy*

### School of Religion

*Miss Chiara Catanzariti*

### Youth Minister

*Miss Anh Tran*

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 29 Nov	1st week of Advent
Tue 30 Nov	St Andrew, apostle
Wed 1 Dec	1st week of Advent
Thu 2 Dec	1st week of Advent
Fri 3 Dec	St Francis Xavier, priest
Sat 4 Dec	1st week of Advent
Sun 5 Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent

## PARISH GROUPS

### Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm  
Haydon Hall*

### St Vincent de Paul

**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  
(Dec 12, Christmas Mass 1230)*

### Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at  
5.00pm SPC*

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

**CHANGES TO THE COVID CAPACITY**— Covid restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are no longer required through Trybooking.

- 280 SCC & 200 SPC people maximum at each Mass.
- Facemasks are RECOMMENDED to be worn the Cathedral and SPC
- All must use the Check-in CBR App.

**CATHEDRAL SECRETARY POSITION** — After many years of wonderful service, Michelle's last day was Friday :( The position is full time & requires applicants to be available from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. For more information please inquire at the parish office [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) or (02) 6239 9846 (bh).

**CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**—10 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets in the churches to nominate what you would like to bring. RSVP to office numbers attending and plate to share—6239 9846.

**JESSE TREE**—We're doing the Jesse Tree at St Peter Chanel's for advent! We would love our families to be involved. For more information, the PDF resource to do it at home, or to volunteer to hang an ornament before mass, email [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

**ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE.** Boxes are in our churches to receive hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts, to distribute to families in need. All contributions are required by 9 December. Thank you for your generosity.

**MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE**—Thank you to the Cathedral Choir for last week's beautiful service. The service was recorded and can be viewed at: [youtu.be/wjHGigzAILA](https://youtu.be/wjHGigzAILA)

**JOIN OUR ADVENT PARISH GROUP'S , *Walking Together* JOURNEY** – All are most welcome! 7:30 pm Wednesdays, in Jerrabomberra. Contact Ralph Frank for address and further details. 0401 994 081.

**The Way of the Star** - 12 guided reflections and prayers, exploring Christmas through scripture. Individuals or groups can follow along with free session outlines and video resources.



**PARISH SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Saint Christopher's Cathedral.

**PARISH EMAIL DATABASE** – The parish weekly emails the bulletin to families and individuals, as well as parish notices and events. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email us at [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**Laudato Si Action Platform**—The much-anticipated Laudato Si' Action Platform was officially launched last week. The platform offers Catholics and “all people of good will” concrete steps and support towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology as described in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the care of creation. The platform identifies 7 sectors working towards 7 goals over 7 years. Everyone is invited to participate by enrolling in the platform. Further information -

- <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
- <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass will be live streamed** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Mon-Sat at 12.15pm & Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

**Giving and Receiving**— safer ways to your offering, during this pandemic and into the future. **Direct debit** and **QKR** options are available, as well as **TapnGo** machines (when we return to Masses 'in person'). **Thank you sincerely for your generosity.** Please continue to make your offering during this time, if you are able, and perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .

**The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese.** *If you make an offer to this first collection 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 mission and maintenance of the parish.** 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

**Or... Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!**

You can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Please include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number.

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

**THE CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP** — The 2022 Columban calendar now available along with 2022 annual publications: Ordo, Daily Mass Book and God's Word 2022. Come and visit us, we would love to see you!

**ARCHDIOCESAN ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCE-** Join a 30 minute zoom briefing this Sunday at 4pm to learn how best to use this wonderful online Advent resource featuring reflections from families from around our Archdiocese. For use in small groups or alone, in person or via zoom. Info: [www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT) or contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

**ETHOS PUBLIC ETHICS AND THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA—Chris Uhlmann on Australia's identity crisis.** Thurs 9 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. RSVP 24 Nov. Cost \$30. The discussion will be preceded by a reception with drinks & canapes. Email [pmg@acu.edu.au](mailto:pmg@acu.edu.au) to register or for further information.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/](http://www.aidtochurch.org/) adventappeal.

**VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REQUEST**—Hours: Minimum 4 hours/ day (20 hours/holidays); Volunteer Period: 01/12/21 – 31/01/22 (negotiable); Info: 0407 905 217, email [volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au](mailto:volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au) or visit instore. Info: [www.vinnies.org.au/shops](http://www.vinnies.org.au/shops).



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
CANBERRA/GOULBURN  
*good works*

**CATHOLICCARE FOCUS MARRIAGE PREPARATION** —6 Dec, 5-9pm. Register [marriagefamily.org.au](http://marriagefamily.org.au) Inquire 0429 192 869

**COME BACK TO THE FATHER! ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING** - Sat. 11 Dec - 9:30am -4:30pm - St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla. Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Holy Mass, reconciliation, talks, testimonies and prayer ministry: Register at [trybooking.com/BUTGN](http://trybooking.com/BUTGN). Or text Maida 0423 658 326.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church now embarks on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. You are invited to make a submission via an online portal, now open. Make your own 250 word submission by visiting [catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch) Once received the Australian Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in Rome, 2023. The diocesan consultation phase has been extended to the 15 of August 2022. Dates on the guides and resources on the website will also be amended: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



**We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Naomi Bau

**Those who are ill:** Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

**Anniversaries of death:** Anna Maria Murphy, Barbara Crossin, Gerald Billings, Dorothy Simmons, Ken O'Toole, Paul Webber, Mario Damo, Shane Christopher Greenwood, Maurizio Scarpino, Milka Fink, Lady Nora Randall, Gladys Robertson, Alma Back, Molly Broash, Anna Murphy, Joan Pederson, Gaetano De Simone, Giulio Pantano, Frank Colvin, Mary Roots, Alison Waldren, Michael (Jock) McGuigan, Blair Brookes, Thomas Green, Alyson Edwards, Vincenzo Belmonte, John Robertson, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Aurelio Biurra, Kevin Ruane

**Recently Deceased:** Rodrigo De Guzman, Bishop William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning,



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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 Psalm:** *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

**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**

**Jer 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**Second Reading**

**1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

**Gospel Reading**

**Lk 21:25-28. 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Lectors			
Mass	27/28 Nov	4/5 Dec	
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	Becky Langworthy Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Marcus Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Lynn Chan	Jaye Corcoran Gloria Osborne	
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Jacqueline Hipwell	Scott Pobihun Bronwen Grey	
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Liz Porra	Denis Fisher Denise Fisher	

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