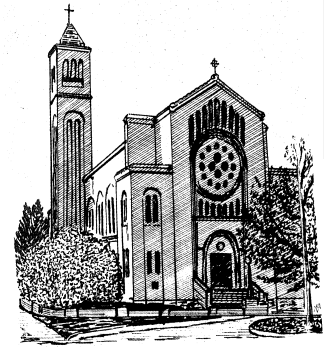


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



1st Sunday of
Advent. Year A
27th November 2022

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

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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

2.00-3.00pm Adoration

& Confessions

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

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

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...

Walking with us...

In the *Year of Walking Together*, which runs from the 8th August 2022 to 8th August 2023, there lay a central purpose, resounding in a particular way as we enter the Season of Advent.

The focus seems simple enough, yet is one which so often escapes us. And that purpose is this: to be reminded (and we always need reminding), that the God of Jesus Christ, is the God who walks with his people. *Emmanuel – God is with us!*

Archbishop Christopher has himself said that this year is not necessarily about doing *more* things, but rather to recognise what is happening already, in our midst, in our parishes and in our hearts. And much is happening! To say otherwise would be to say that God has somehow lost interest. And again... many do say this too!

Of course we can and must as the Church always walk *together*. Yet when the human heart insists on walking alone, without at its centre, the God who created and became flesh *for us*— the journey soon becomes one without coordination, without direction, purpose and true joy. For as Saint Augustine taught his own flock, not only is Christ *the home to which we are going*, He is too, *the way by which we go*. (Sermon 123, 3)

We often speak of it as the mystical 'marriage', whereby the Word takes flesh and God becomes one of us. Not symbolically, nor figuratively, but literally. This is what *In-carnation* means, and this is what we prepare for in the weeks of Advent. In Jesus, divinity and humanity become one flesh. God no longer remains at-a-distance, but *willingly* comes shockingly and scandalously close.

For many reasons there still remains, powerfully, today, this hesitation about the Love of God, and an increasing hesitation to belief that this God actually walks alongside us, both literally and spiritually. But the fact is, He does!

Advent prepares us to recollect this truth anew. Even if we need to learn it over and over, day after day, that's ok... in fact this is indeed what the disciples did before us, and not only were they forgiven, Christ built His Church upon them. And so to you and I. The words of Augustine resonate once again:

"He who does little, but in a state to which God calls him, does more than he who labours much, but in a state which he has thoughtlessly chosen: a cripple limping in the right way is better than a racer out of it."

Advent is a time then to prepare our hearts once more, to truly accept and embrace the mystical marriage between heaven and earth, which we – wounds, warts and all– are joyously bound up in! This is the Christmas story. The journey of a God who descends from above to walk in the shoes of his creation. Of those he has made his sons and daughters.

Of course, Christmas celebrates a particular moment in history, 2,000 years ago. Yet the danger is leaving it there in the past. The Incarnation is never relegated to a historic past. It is *here and now*. The God we celebrate has come close in flesh and blood... and not any old flesh and blood, but *our* flesh and blood in 2022. It is flesh of God born for you.

Soon enough we will hear again, the genealogy of Jesus' ancestors— a text often met with a wince. So many lines of unpronounceable names, many say! It is however, one of the most beautifully revealing and eye-opening texts given to us. These lines capture, intensely, the unimaginable magnificence of what has in fact occurred in the Incarnation. Consider the names which feature in the genealogy from which Jesus comes... people whose lives are coloured by debauchery, adultery, abuse, murder, lies, anxiety and vengeance. Yet within a wider graced history, Jesus' incarnation find its way through this same sin and woundedness. And that is truly something magnificent! In the Christmas story, God's association with sinful humanity is apparent from the outset. This truth we are drawn to contemplate and live, in these days of Advent.

Sin is not something God wishes to condemn us for; a lie we habitually fall prey to. Rather God sees sin for what it truly is, a burden; a burden he desires, from deep within his eternal Being, to lift from us, that we may truly live!

I wish you truly a blessed season of preparation, walking and growing in the knowledge and love of your God and his mesmerising, transforming and accompanying love for you.

Fr Trenton.

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Nov 28th 1st Week of Advent
Tues Nov 29th 1st Week of Advent
Wed. Nov 30th 1st Week of Advent
St Andrew
Thurs. Dec 1st 1st Week of Advent
Fri. Dec 2nd 1st Week of Advent
Sat. Dec 3rd 1st Week of Advent
St Francis Xavier
Sun. Dec 4th 2nd SUNDAY OF
ADVENT YEAR A

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 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.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE— Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral. No Rosary will be held in January 2023.

SUNDAY MASS – With the easing of COVID, Archbishop Christopher has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation for those able to attend Mass. A copy of his statement is available on our website. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/60th-anniversary-of-the-goulburn-schools-strike/>

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION— Additional Confession times will be offered on **20 & 21 December** from 5-6pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Regular Confession times will follow as normal.

A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS—St Bede's Primary School and St Christopher's Cathedral Parish warmly welcome you to join us for *A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS*. Donations to be collected on the night for: St Vincent de Paul Society When: **7 December 2022** Gates open at 5.30pm and Carols begin at 6pm. Where: St Bede's Primary School 55 Hicks Street, Red Hill. Bring a cosy family picnic. There will also be food available for purchase.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY— **9 Dec**, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please feel free to bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. To RSVP with numbers attending & plate to share, contact the office cathedral@cg.org.au All are welcome!

A fundraiser for Mackillop House (Homeless Shelter for Women).
MUSIC LOVERS
A Concert for you
GAUDETE! SUNDAY ORGAN AND PIANO CONCERT
SUNDAY | 11/12/2022 | 2PM - 3PM
LINUS LEE HANUL
BMus, LMusA (piano),
LMusA (organ)
TICKETS \$25 NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR.
VENUE: 108 STERNBERG CRES, WANNIASSA ACT 2903
HOSTED BY ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC PARISH WANNIASSA ACT

HOME HOLY NIGHT— As we enter into the season of Advent, we invite you to join us, **2 December**, for refreshments in the Haydon Hall followed by an input on the theme, personal testimony, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation and prayer ministry in the Cathedral. Year 11 & 12 students, young adults, young professionals, & parishioners are all invited to join. Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/5il76x7bT>

Working Document for the Continental Stage - The Working Document, a fruit of listening & discernment, has been released in Rome. This working document seeks to bring out the

voices of the People of God. | **A Reflection Guide** – in the DCS offers 3 guiding questions: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch | **The Submission Portal is now open** and closes Fri 9 Dec. After groups have met to reflect on the DCS, they will submit a summary of their reflections on the *Working Doc for the Continental Stage* via the online portal: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch | **Group Coordinators Workshop** – a recording can be accessed at: [bit.ly/ GroupCoordinatorsWebinar](https://bit.ly/GroupCoordinatorsWebinar) Any questions, contact: leith.dudfield@catholic.org.au



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

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES available at Church exits. Completed envelopes can be returned on collection plates or the parish office. Please print clearly.

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

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

CAMPION COLLEGE— Summer Program a 4-day taster of what it is like to study at Campion College. Registration is free and is now open to 16-20 years. Date 10-13 Jan 2023, 17-20 June 2023. <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK STALL— Located in St Peter Chanel's Church, the book stall holds selected items from SVdP and the Catholic Bookshop. The stall will operate after the Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 9:30am Masses.

ADVENT 2022– PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS— You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, aka The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent> Email: info@brucedownes.org



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Mimi Grbesa, Akarie Cooper, Ella Hunt, Xavier George, Elizabeth Beutel

Those who are ill: Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Phil Pocock, Sophy, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

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, Ray & Betty Fry, Josip Balta, Guthrie Shepherd Quinn, Bruest Family, Sweeten Family, Mahony Family

Recently Deceased: Philomena D'Cruze, Sharon Woods (Mons. John Woods sister), Paul Kildea Snr, Hugo Caggiano, Br Anthony Atkinson FMS, Berty Jacob, Adriane Brown, Sally Barber, Medardo Balmaceda, Lauren West, Nicolina Caggiano, Bill Higgins, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Donatella Magro, Vittorio D'Ambrosio, Kieran O'Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adriane Brown,



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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: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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

First Reading

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

		Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Mass	26/27 Nov	3/4 Dec	26/27 Nov	3/4 Dec	
5.00pm (SCC)	Les Buszynski Ruth Meadows	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Tarinya Hannedege	Melissa Dixon Tarinya Hannedege			
8.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Ceciley Matthews			
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Lynn Chan	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin			
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Jacqui Ramesh	Les Buszynski Jacqui Ramesh	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Annabelle Devitt	Francilia Gomes Avanti Oberoi			

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