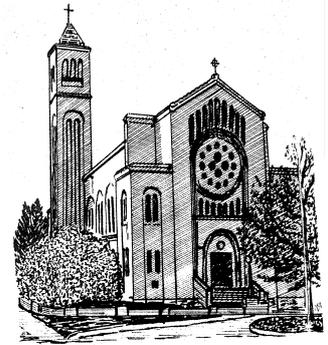


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



1st Sunday  
Lent Year C -  
6 March 2022

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

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**Parish Secretary:** Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

**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

## 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

## First Sunday in Lent

What a disturbing 2 years we've witnessed, and now the heartache unravelling in Ukraine. In a world stooped in extraordinary uncertainty- instability, war and constant change - we can find ourselves anxious on many fronts. Uncertainty is often what brings so many unstuck. Yet, as Christians, we are called to focus not upon the *uncertainty*, but rather the Certainty we do have. Take to heart the powerful words of Pope Francis:

*"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, Homily for Ash Wednesday, 2014.

How significant Pope Francis' words are, in the mire we and our world find ourselves. He speaks of the *Hope* and *Newness*, offered in Jesus.

As we settle into this gifted season, may the ears of our hearts be sharpened to the daily call of our God, that these words characterise the 40 days ahead:

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

The darkness of a world that pushes Jesus aside, hoping vainly to 'mend' and medicate its own wounds and ego, is always doomed to suffer, flounder and die. Jesus delivers the lasting promise of peace—one both external and internal—impossible to achieve alone. When others attempt to inflict their own wills and empires, the Christian instinct speaks truth, and reminds us, that all is in vain unless Christ and his message of truth, life and love are at the centre!

And so, despite the darkness that encroaches upon our world, swelling it up in an abyss of uncertainty and sadness, we are reminded – God remains with us, closer than ever. God is not ignorant of human suffering, but present within it, in order to transform it from within—this is the truth of the Lenten journey! God is in our midst, because Christ is in our midst. Let us *LIVE* this truth, these forty days, and be changed by them.

For everything our human hearts long for, Christ *can* give! But dare we deny ourselves, our *own* aspirations, and avail ourselves to receive this transforming mercy given?

In the next 40 days, pray with the daily readings – listen to what Jesus is saying to you, seeking Him out in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. For he speaks not in puzzles or hidden gnostic tones, but directly to you and I, each day.

It is fitting that this Sunday we welcome those seeking baptism and full communion with the Church at Easter. Those who have been baptised Christian and who desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church will be formally welcomed by the Archbishop.

The **Rite of Election** will take place at **10am on Sunday**, and marks the beginning of a period where the 'elect' (as they will soon be called) come to know Jesus more deeply, surrounded by their new family in faith. Our friends will be baptised and received into full communion at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate our brothers and sisters and pledge our prayers as we continue the great journey *together*.

May Jesus be always, their guide, certainty, and *Life* itself.

Let's continue to pray for our world, and all her people.

Fr Trenton

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office

### School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

### Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon.	Mar 7.	1st Week of Lent
Tues.	Mar 8.	1st Week of Lent
Wed.	Mar 9.	1st Week of Lent
Thu.	Mar 10	1st Week of Lent
Fri.	Mar 11.	1st Week of Lent
Sat.	Mar 12.	1st Week of Lent

### 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 **begins Feb.**

#### Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at  
5.00pm SPC

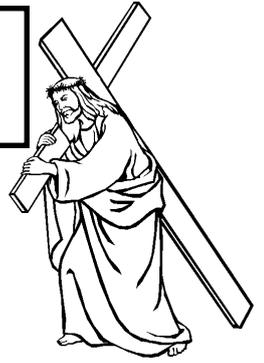
For details of any of the  
above, contact the Parish  
Office.

## LENT — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00pm, EACH FRIDAY OF 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.



## WELCOME FR. ALEXANDER OSBORNE!

Archbishop Christopher has appointed Fr Alex as the new assistant priest to the Cathedral Parish!

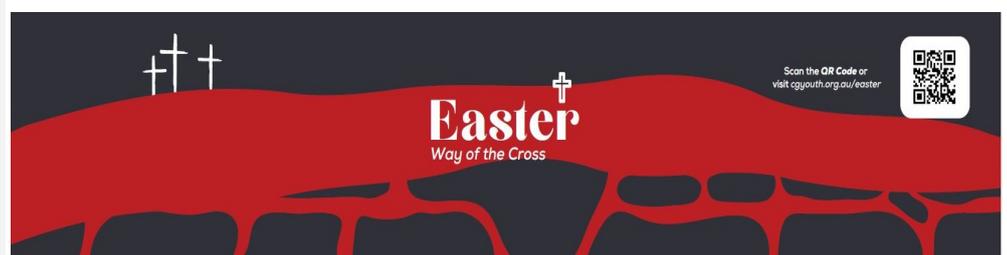
Fr Alex will also serve as Chaplain to Calvary public and private Hospitals, as well as the Australian National University. We warmly welcome Fr Alex.



**THE RITE OF THE ELECT**—At the Easter Vigil (Saturday 16th April), 6 individuals will be baptised and receive the sacraments of Initiation. This weekend, with others from the Archdiocese, having made the decision to share in the Catholic Faith, they are welcomed by Archbishop Christopher in the *Rite of Election*. We joyously congratulate and pray for all preparing for Baptism and full communion this Easter. We are blessed with their witness of faith to spur us on!

**2022 SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Confirmation classes start **Tues, 3 May, 6pm-7.30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. For Year 5 & 6 students or older. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. Enroll: [cg.org.au/cathedral](http://cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office. Confirmation will take place in St Christopher's, Wed, 8 June 2022 at 6pm. First Reconciliation classes start 26 July for 24 Aug. First Eucharist classes start 18 Oct for 13 November.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION:** local consultation period for the international *Synod on Synodality* has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal till Sunday, March 13. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation. *How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our mission?* Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>  
Please see our parish website for further Information and documents



## OTHER NEWS



**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.

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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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers);  
or Donation (by 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/](http://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

*Thank you for your generosity*



**PROJECT COMPASSION 2022** — Will take place throughout the Lenten season and end on 17 April. **Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes** and support **Caritas Australia** this Lenten season. Contact 1800 024 413 to donate with credit card/direct deposit or visit [lent.caritas.org.au/](http://lent.caritas.org.au/)  
- The Lenten call to almsgiving means **making the needs of other people our own.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION  
FOR ALL FUTURE  
GENERATIONS**

**REMEMBER, A LENTEN PROGRAM for 2022** – perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. \$10.00 each, a look at the Catholic Bookshop.

**ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT – 12 March** (9:30am – 4.:30pm) “One Day Lenten Retreat by Fr Roni George VC and Fr Joby George VC” St Benedict’s, Narrabundah, FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP 9 March, [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:p1.rebello@gmail.com) Enquiries contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446

**WOMEN’S CURSILLO WEEKEND** – Cursillo is Spanish for a " little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. A Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today’s world. 12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. For more information contact Dianne Franks [dmfranks@bigpond.com](mailto:dmfranks@bigpond.com), 0418619740

**CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT**— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sight-seeing, school trip and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit [caretaxi.com.au](http://caretaxi.com.au), or +61 451 734 334

**FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA**— The fruits of the first general assembly have been gathered together in a new report with dozens of proposals to shape the ongoing Plenary Council journey. Access this at: [bit.ly/FirstAssembly](http://bit.ly/FirstAssembly)

### **We pray for...**

**Those to be married:** Samantha Jugovac & James Allen

**Those who are ill:** Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon, Geraldine Conlan.

**Anniversaries of death:** Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Keith McLaughlin, Shirley Evans, Anthony Donohoe, Nuala Kelly, Maura Kelly

**Recently Deceased:** Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell (Father of Fr Luke Verrell), Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutten, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas, Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Denis Gilmour, Fr. Brendan Shannon, Fransiska Setiowati Silasudjana, Fr. Stan Barry CM, Sr M Andre Guthrie, Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds.



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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 length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

**Gospel Acclamation:** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

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

**First Reading**

**Dt 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Second Reading**

**Rom 10:8-13**

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel**

**Lk 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

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Lectors			
Mass	5/6 Mar	12/13 Mar	19/20 Mar
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Stewart Unwin	Crystal Lavien Jacob Madden
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle	Fiona Wheeler Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Beck Langworthy Phil Pocock
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Gloria Osborne	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balandran	Lynn Chan Clarice Poh
11.00am (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Bronwen Grey	Cecilia Flores Jacqueline Hipwell	Ceciley Matthews Jacqui Ramesh
5.00pm (SCC)	Annabelle Devitt Kristina Faigl	Beck Langworthy Leszek Buszynski	Rebekah O'Meagher Jacob Madden

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