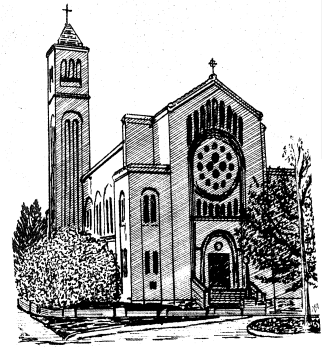




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# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A -  
23 August 2020

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

**Masses will be offered  
with a maximum of 100  
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 to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

Christ's question to the disciples today, is *the* question put to the Christian, daily. "Who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15) This question is central to the Christian life and identity, whether one recognises it or not.

Christ's question is of course a very personal one, and yet, it is not a relative one. In the original Greek (in which the Gospels were first written), the question is in fact not posed to the individual, but the group. The personal pronoun 'you' – λέγετε, in Greek – is in the plural. Jesus is asking then, the group, with a view toward a confession of unity among his first disciples. Jesus is looking for a unified answer, which is why Peter (their leader) steps forward and speaks on their behalf. And so while a relationship with Jesus is most assuredly personal, it is not relative. A follower's confession of faith is at once a personal *and* an ecclesial act. There is no Jesus simple 'for me', divided from His Body the Church.

Jesus asks His closest friends, "Who do you say I am?" Certainly, the most intriguing thing about the question however, is the way in which He asks or rather 'sets up' the question. He first asks more generally, "Who do people say the Son of Man is? (Mt 16:13). As if to ask: "What are other people saying about me?" We can imagine the disciples rattling off: "Some say Elijah, John the Baptist... some even just say you're a prophet!" Jesus pauses... "but you... 'who do you say I am?'" As if to say, 'who do you know me to be? Jesus recognises, before His disciples, what the 'world' said about Him, and indeed what the world still says about Him today! He seems to say, 'ok... but now forget what the world says and thinks about me, forget what the media proffers, forget what the naysayers chant: "Who do you say that I am?" A very personal and intimate question. And how it is answered, changes everything!

Note that Jesus does not ask this at the outset when he first meets the disciples. The first encounter, rather, is an invitation: "*Come, follow me*" (Mtt 4:19). By the time he asks them today's question, they have already been following him, watching him, living and preaching with Him. They have established a *relationship*. And now He asks them, after they have spent so much time with him, but before his passion, death, and resurrection. Why? Because only by knowing Him will they be able to not only *endure*, but *understanding* all that is happening, and will happen in His Passion.

In these months we could be forgiven for asking, where is God in all of this? We could feel perhaps similar to the disciples in the Gospel, as they retold the common, worldly opinion many held of Jesus. Just a prophet, just a man, a role model sure, but nothing more. As we are faced by such uncertainty and darkness, as we grapple to make sense of the chaos, Jesus asks *us* the same question. Never mind the world, who do you, the Church say and know me to be? And only by honestly answering this question – are we able to not only cope with the horrors that our world can present, but able too, to make sense of how Christ has triumphed such chaos.

How we answer Christ's question– changes everything. Indeed, it defines our very identity and hope, in this world. *Who do you say I am?*

You are the light in the darkness.

You are hope in despair.

You are the Son of the living God who is dwelling among us! The certainty in a world that is so uncertain. Amen.

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

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

**RCIA**—Fr Trenton van Reesch

Contact office to register your interest for next RCIA program.

### School of Religion

See details below

**Youth Minister**—Chiara Catanzariti

Email: [chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au)

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 24 Aug St Bartholomew, Apostle  
Tue 25 Aug St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz  
Wed 26 Aug 21st week in Ordinary Time  
Thu 27 Aug St Monica  
Fri 28 Aug St Augustine  
Sat 29 Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist  
Sun 30 Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

### Legion of Mary

Saturdays 3pm, Haydon Hall  
Contact: 0431 060 556

### St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

### Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)  
Fortnightly Sundays,  
8.45am SPC

### Young Adults Bible Study

Thursday 6.30pm, Hayden Hall  
[chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au)

### 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

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

## PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION 'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.

### A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." — J.R.R. Tolkien, The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien

**All night Adoration Vigil**—28 Aug, 7pm to 7am, St Peter Chanel's Church. To book an hour please use the following in link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKTTU> or use this QR code. QR code instructions: Download QR reader on your smartphone & open your smartphone's camera app. Fit the QR code in your camera viewfinder until a URL notification pops up. Tap the URL notification that pops up.



**Notice about Covid-19 Restrictions:** Thank you too all who have consistently adhered to the Covid-19 protocols in our parish and Archdiocese. We are enabled to continue our prayer and worship because of your care and attention to this. Please ensure you continue to **sanitise your hands frequently** and **wipe your pew upon exiting**.

**Weekend Mass sign in sheets**—please ensure that when signing in for Mass, there is **only one name per line**. Please do not write for example: *Smith x3*. It is crucial that we only have the designated 100 people in the Cathedral at any one time, abiding by the 1.5 meter rule. Sheets are marked with 100 places to ensure this is achieved. Thanks for all you are doing in these days.

**Attention: Last Sunday was the last 9am Mass at SCC. This Mass was added to accommodate parishioners when the church was reopened. Due to lower numbers and priest availability, a Mass in this time slot can not be offered at this moment. Please note the regular 9:30am Mass will continue to be offered at Saint Peter Chanel's.**

**IS CHRIST CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?** Do you feel you could be being called to the priesthood? *Come and See* (John 1:39). Claim the date: A Vocations Weekend for those discerning a call to the priesthood – **18th-20th September 2020, Galong Retreat Centre**. Contact Fr Nulley, Archdiocesan Vocations Director [paul\\_nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul_nulley@cg.org.au) or Fr Trenton, [trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au](mailto:trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au).

**Planned giving Contributions:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2020-2021 financial year are available in the church. Please use only these new envelopes from July onwards, rather than any remaining 2019-2020 envelopes. (Some envelopes numbers will be changed for this coming financial year so we want to avoid any confusion from using the old envelope numbers). Thank you very much to all our generous givers.

**Weekend Collections:** Parish collection stations receive Planned Giving envelopes and all other offerings. We continue to offer **Tap & Go PayWave machines**. Just tap your debit or credit card. You can also download the **Qkr! App** where you can select directly where your donations go, incl. archdiocesan missions. Please contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or monthly Credit Card deductions for both collections – or, contact us with any questions. Thanks for your generous support!

### 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.

### 2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM RECOMMENCING

**Confirmation** (yr 5 & 6 children): classes start Mon, 12 Oct 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation Mass will occur on Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 6pm.

These programs are for children 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 info. & Enrolment form on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.



**Adventurers Primary Age Youth Group:** Sunday's at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's our Primary youth group **Young Adventurers**, will gather at SPC before 9:30am Mass. Next Meeting: 23 Aug

**Young adults and professionals:** **Young Adults Brunch—30 Aug**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Email: [chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au)

**"Come and See" (John 1:39) - Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood? - 18th-20th September**

Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

## OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

### **NEW PROTOCOLS - Please familiarize yourself with current guidelines**

- In accordance with government restrictions, **only 100 people** are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm 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 the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided at entrances.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

**Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares on the tiles mark this distance. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

**Father's Day Appeal** – The annual collection for retired priests: 30 priests of our Archdiocese come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate).

**SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT** - A Transport Service that Provides a Companion. Do you or someone close to you wish to attend church but don't have the means or a companion to make it happen? **CareTaxi** is your answer. Your fulfilment is our blessing! Holy Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sightseeing, school trip and more; our qualified and caring drivers can assist you. Visit [www.caretaxi.com.au](http://www.caretaxi.com.au), call +61 451 734 334 or email [services@caretaxi.com.au](mailto:services@caretaxi.com.au).



**Women's Reflection Afternoon**—29 Aug, 2-4pm (livestreamed). Participate at home or gather with friends wherever you have internet access. The afternoon will include two inspiring talks and several short guided prayer experiences provided by local prayer groups and movements. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. More details next week. Enquiries Email [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au) or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869.

**Aid to the Church in Need**—Emergency appeal for Lebanon—please give generously. Donation flyers available in the church.

**Mental Health—Are you struggling in this time of crisis?** CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn provide an extensive range of services including outreach, counselling and residential support. They are sure to have a service to meet your individual needs. We are here to help! Need to talk? 61626100.

**14th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations**—6 Sept-28 Nov. (launched by the Knights of the Southern Cross) praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life including Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas).

**"The Way Forward" A free online pro-life panel**, 19 Sept, 2-4pm. What practical steps, however small, can we take towards creating a more life-affirming culture? Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting a panel of speakers involved in medicine, law and policy, and the social media sphere, who are finding innovative ways to reach out in support of pregnant women and their unborn children. Join us for an afternoon of online presentations and Q&A, and learn how you too can help to build a culture of life. Register at [bit.ly/way-forward-canberra](http://bit.ly/way-forward-canberra).

**My Voice - Youth**—seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three-year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4-7. If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: [cgyouth.org.au/myvoice](http://cgyouth.org.au/myvoice) or email [youth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth@cg.org.au) for more information.

**Vacant position—Financial Services Support Officer**—We are looking for an enthusiastic, systems minded candidate who has had some two years' experience with bookkeeping, payroll, BAS/GST and financial reporting, preferably using the accounting software MYOB. Applications close on Monday 31 August 2020. Please send your application to [Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au](mailto:Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au). Position Description: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/position-vacant-financial-services-support-officer/>

**Social Justice Statement** will not be printed and delivered to parishes this year. If you would like to view or get a copy of the statement, please go to [socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/) Prayer cards will also be available.

**Praying for Vocations:** Every Friday: Evening Prayer and Adoration, Mary Help of Christians, Pearce 5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. First Wednesday: Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m. First Friday: Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass

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

**Those to be baptised:** Serrano Agresta

**Those who are ill:** Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Muriel Morgan

**Anniversaries of death:** Bruna Stevenson, Maria Memmolo, Clare O'Connor, Rosa Morabito, Pat Boyle, Alejandro & Orlando Cerda, Alex Skleplic, Petty Gonsalvez, Paul Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Joan Kaucz, Anka Gnjec, Tulla & Sam Brown, Gwen & Mick Gallagher, Michael O'Brien, Odette Gasparis, Michael McKeown, Flo Daley, Fr Vincent Dowdy, Amelia Kneipp, William Saw, Anna Kieswimmer, Margaret Mary Kelly, Kath Durie, Annie James, Eileen Biggs, Annie Davis, Sr Gertrude Ryan, Michael Heath, Michael O'Connor, Cardinal EB Clancy, Fr Giuseppe Canova, Fr Adrian Cork, James Rice, Kit Dale, Rita Dodson, Noel Honan, Marjorie Kenny, Patricia Robertson, Charlie Morella, Norman Stevenson, Clive Waldren, Clarita Flores, Nicanor Pazcoguin

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims, Tom Hallahan, Effie McKeogh, Carmel MacDonagh, Michael Somes, David Clark, Robert Somes, Dante Scorpecci, Rita O'Connor, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Tony Donohoe, Katarina Kish,



## Readings of the Day – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

### First Reading

**Is 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### Second Reading

**Rom 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Reading

**Mt 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	22/23 Aug	29/30 Aug	22/23 Aug	29/30 Aug
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldine Ford Marcelle Disanayake	Damien Balachandran Geraldene Ford	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Philip Pocock Assigned	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Colliss Parrett	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Cecilia Flores	Lynn Chan Jacqueline Hipwell	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Scott Pobihun Jacob Madden	n/a	n/a

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