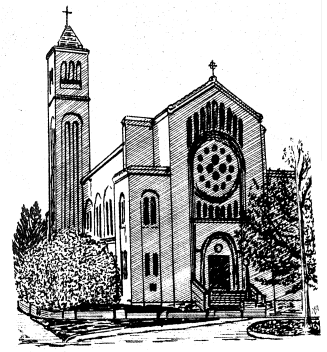


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

21st Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year B
25th August 2024

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



Come, Holy Spirit
Archdiocesan Assembly
18 - 20 October 2024



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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 (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

Tuesday 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

The Eucharist, Selflessness and Marriage

I feel like I have been speaking about two very important things for the last few months, the Eucharist, and the harm that selfishness does. Marriage is a great illustration of both of these important truths.

Selfishness is the greatest risk to a marriage. When a person becomes committed, not to their spouse, but to themselves; a marriage becomes corrupted. No longer a free and total gift of one's whole life to the person they love but something else.

Without love, marriage is terrifying.

To commit your entire life and future into the hands of another, and to shoulder the responsibility of their life and future. This is real self-sacrifice. To pledge love to another when you don't know their future.

When this commitment, the greatest of all, is entered into with mutual love, it is the most beautiful thing a person can do. But when a marriage is one-sided, it no longer reflects the love of God, instead it becomes a witness to the cruelty of man.

This is what happens when a wife submits to her husband, but he does not love her like Christ. Or when a husband submits to his wife, and she submits not to him, but to her own self.

Here we have a sense of the great love of God. Christ commits Himself to us. The truth is that Christ marries the Church. This spousal language is used all throughout the New Testament. People often say that priests marry the Church but that isn't true. A priest is only a mere groomsman. My job is to assist the bridegroom during the ceremony, to make sure attention is on Him, to give a speech before the main course of the wedding feast, and to make sure that the bride is well looked after. I am a friend and servant of the church, not her lover, it is Jesus who she gives her whole self too. Paul instructs husbands that they should take Christ's love for the Church as their model for how to love their wives. How does Christ love the Church then?

He says that the Church is his own body.

Christ gives us his own body and blood.

He commits Himself to providing a loving future for us, telling us that he's preparing a home for us.

He adopts us into his own family.

He ensures our safety, and reminds always of his love for us.

Most importantly of all, Christ promises love, fidelity, mercy, compassion and gives us his whole life.

Laying down His life for us, that we might have the fullness of life.

Christ commits His whole self to us, His body, His life, His death, His resurrection, even eternity.

Let us pray that we might be faithful to God. That we will never take the Eucharist for granted. That we will recognize everything that Jesus has done for us, and respond to His total love of us with a love of our own. We pray too for all marriages, especially those that are broken or wounded, that each and every husband and wife will in their own way witness the great truth of God's love for us. May everything we do be done for the love of God and our neighbour.

Fr. Alex

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Aug 26 21st Week in Ord. Time
Tues Aug 27 21st Week in Ord. Time
St Monica
Wed Aug 28 21st Week in Ord. Time
St Augustine
Thu. Aug 29 21st Week in Ord. Time
The Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri. Aug 30 21st Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Aug 31 21st Week in Ord. Time
Sun Sep 1 22nd SUNDAY in ORD TIME,
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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.

PARISH MORNING TEA— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 1st September**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”— Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*. Cathedral: Wed: 11:30am-12noon; Thurs: 6:00pm; Sat: 11:00am-12noon. St Peter Chanel's: Tues: 6:00pm. *Come back to me with all your heart - Joel 2:12*



Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the [theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#) “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15) Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: By envelopes, by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or by calling: (02) 6239 9876 Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

APOLOGETICS WITH FR ALEX— **2nd September at 6:30pm** in the Haydon Hall. Learn how to talk about our faith in a convincing and persuasive way. This series will be more than lectures, it will feature workshops, simulations and practical content. We will learn how to listen to others and understand them.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of Rev. Mark Ha— Save the Date Thursday **17 October 2024 at 5.00pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. Deacon Mark will celebrate his first Mass on **Friday, 18th October at 11:00am**, at the Cathedral.

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY— ‘COME HOLY SPIRIT’ - You are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme ‘Come Holy Spirit’. Focusing on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelization and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward. Where: Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn. **Friday 18th October—Sunday 20th October 2024**. To register or for more information, visit cgevangalisation.org.au/assembly



RCIA 2024-25 Interested in learning more about Jesus, exploring faith and life's meaning? Journey with a like-minded community. RCIA (*the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a welcoming environment. Open to all and particularly designed for those interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments for the first time. We gather Thursday evenings, **6pm**, starting **26 September**. To register or for more Information, email cathedral@cg.org.au

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER GROUP: Want to get involved in the parish and meet new people? Come along to our young adult dinners, held **every 2nd Sunday after St Christopher's Cathedral 5pm Mass**. Email Anita Donaldson at youth.cathedral@cg.org.au to join our Facebook group chat and stay up-to-date about when and where our dinner meet-ups will be!

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY— Save the Date for the upcoming annual All Saints Day Party. Sunday **3 November 2024**, after the 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral in the Haydon Hall. More information to come.



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

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! Please see flyers located in the parish foyers. **Thank you for your generosity**

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.

LABOR DEI— Seeking young men to volunteer as workers to assist in various works of maintenance at the Cathedral. More info to come. Contact the parish office cathedral@cg.org.au

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER— The Catholic Weekly is on sale for \$2 each weekend and is available in the Cathedral side foyer. This service is arranged by the St Vincent de Paul Society, which has to cover the cost of the papers. Please make sure you pay when taking a paper. Payment should be made into the donation box located in the side entrance foyer. Thank you.

Marymead CatholicCare High Tea Buffet—Join the Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary for a high tea buffet while raising much needed funds for Marymead CatholicCare. **8 September 2024, 2pm** at Mecure Canberra, corner of Ainslie & Limestone Av, Braddon. Tickets are \$60 per person & bookings close on 22 August 2024. Visit mccg.org.au for more details on how to book.

READ & FEED: A young adults Catholic Spirituality book club held every **Friday at 7pm in Haydon Hall**. Join us for some tea, snacks and deep chats as we read 'Searching For and Maintaining Peace' by Fr. Jacques Philippe. Come with or without the book!

ADORATION RETREAT— Join Sr Kate Atkins, an experienced spiritual guide, as we journey towards Jubilee 2025. **Saturday 7 September** at St Benedict's Church, 10 Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah. Lunch and Morning Tea provided. \$20 donation

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Pieter van Gent, Mary Lou Davies, Gregory John McClelland, Cyrus & Maximus Mee, Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, 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.

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Archdiocesan Assembly

18 - 20 October 2024

"It seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."
- Acts 15:28

You are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.'

This is a chance for all to gather, discuss and discern the Holy Spirit at work in our midst.

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be a gathering of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

| When? | Where? | Who? |
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| Friday 18 (5:00pm) to Sunday 20 (12:30pm) October, 2024 | Canberra + Goulburn + Young + Narooma + Cooma + Online | Parishes + Catholic Schools + Catechists + Movements + Ministries + Communities + Organisations. |

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All the Church, preaching all the Gospel, to all people, all the time.

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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: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. 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

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh that has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

READERS ROSTER AUGUST

| | | Lectors | | Eucharistic Ministers | |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | | 24/25 Aug | | 24/25 Aug | 31 Aug/ 1 Sep |
| Mass | | | | | |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | 24/25 Aug | Les Buszynski Jacob Madden | | | |
| 8.00am (SCC) | | Marcus Smith Zvon Seselja | | | |
| 9.30am (SPC) | | Damien Balachandran Raphael Molu | | | |
| 11.00am (SCC) | | Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell | Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston | | Volunteer |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | | Rebekah O'Meagher | | | |

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