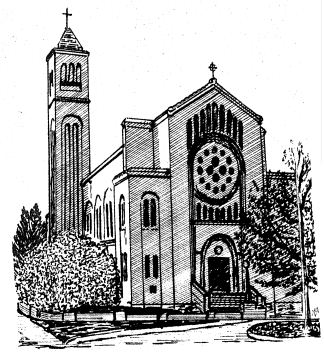


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

21st Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year A  
27 August 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
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YEAR OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
August 2023– 2024

## 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

## 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

**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

## LAUNCH OF THE "YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 15/28)

Excerpt from Archbishop Christopher's Homily, on the Launch of the Archdiocesan Year of the Holy Spirit. – Given on the ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP. EDEN, SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST 2023

"...Today, I have great joy in liturgically inaugurating "The Year of the Holy Spirit" in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. I did so this time last year here at Eden concerning "The Year of Walking Together".

My hope as your Archbishop is that the Risen Lord Jesus will continue to shower the Holy Spirit upon us afresh in our time and place. May the Lord say to us in mercy: "Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, you have great faith". Let us pray for deeper faith by consecrating this upcoming year to the Holy Spirit's guidance and Mary's intercession.

Let us not walk too fast for the Holy Spirit. Doing this will only produce mere practical outcomes and resources that are not the fruit of "pondering and treasuring", like Mary. All our efforts and energies would then produce only a modern form of a "Tower of Babel" in the Archdiocese – impressive structures that produce no conversions to God.

On the other hand, let us not drag our feet behind the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. To do so will only produce a pietistic Archdiocese who refuses to evangelise all the Gospel, to all the world, all the time.

Synodal evangelisation requires patience and discernment to the subtle directions of the Holy Spirit in our midst. What might seem to some as a lack of practical progress may not be so. Waiting for the reign/rain of God takes time for us to embrace fully. It took time for the early Church, in their discernment of issues in their time, to declare: "It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 15/28)

Recently, well known Fr Timothy Radcliffe op, made comments in relation to the upcoming international Synod on Synodality in Rome. These words could equally be applied to our "Year of the Holy Spirit". He said:

Journalists will be saying: "They've been meeting for two weeks and they haven't made any decisions!" And that's an entirely mistaken approach because what we should be doing is chatting – talking and listening – and then we will be changed. It will be very slow. All our study and argument and analysis is not about finding what to say, but preparing to receive the gift.

To assist us to receive this transforming current of grace of the Holy Spirit, you have already been given many fine resources and documents. They will explain fully the aims and approaches to our Year. The first action is to create "evangelisation circles" in your communities.

All of us, not just some parishes, or some schools or some communities, are strongly invited to participate. We have struggled to do this in the past. Walking in parallel lines is not enough! We must intersect together to allow the Holy Spirit to weave amongst us and lead us. This attitude is the first impulse for our year together.

In the latter part of 2024, we will all meet and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying amongst us all. ... Let us place this next year in our prayers and pastoral actions.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

The Year of the Holy Spirit 2023-2024 builds upon the foundation laid during the previous Year of Walking Together, emphasizing the significance of unity and community in our spiritual endeavours. It is a time to open our hearts and minds, to be receptive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and to grow together as a vibrant and connected church community.

In this year, we are called to nurture a more profound relationship with the Holy Spirit – the divine source of inspiration, guidance, and strength. The Holy Spirit has been described as the Advocate, the Comforter, and the Counselor. It is through the Holy Spirit that we receive wisdom, discernment, and the grace to navigate the challenges and decisions of our lives. As we align ourselves with the Spirit, we find ourselves on a path of greater understanding, purpose, and peace.

You are invited to explore the abundant resources, events, and reflections available at the Canberra and Goulburn Year of the Holy Spirit website. Parish initiatives and opportunities for evangelisation circles forming, will also be published in the parish bulletin over the next 12 months, and beyond.

Let's come together as a community, driven by faith, to create an atmosphere of growth and connection. This is your invitation to be part of an extraordinary year of faith, hope, and renewal.

[yearofholyspirit.org.au](http://yearofholyspirit.org.au)

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music**  
Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Becky Langworthy  
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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Aug 28 21st Week in Ord. Time  
St Augustine  
Tues Aug 29 21st Week in Ord. Time  
St John the Baptist  
Wed Aug 30 21st Week in Ord. Time  
Thu. Aug 31 21st Week in Ord. Time  
Fri. Sept 1 21st Week in Ord. Time  
Sat. Sept 2 21st Week in Ord. Time  
Sun Sept 3 22nd SUNDAY ORD.TIME

## 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.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- St Peter Chanel's 10am Thursday Mass will discontinued at the end of August. Mass at John James Calvary will be available at 10:30am starting from 7 September, each Thursday..

**EVANGELISATION**— The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry recent document offers a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. Drawing on seminal documents on evangelisation, including from Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. *Evangelisation* can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>

**The Year of the Holy Spirit (Aug 2023-2024)** – From Aug 15. In addition to the Pastoral Letter available on our website, Archbishop Christopher has provided further details & resources, also available on our website - 4 Focus areas & recommended background reading. Intro video: [youtube.com/watch?v=SC3cOLgY\\_wk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC3cOLgY_wk)

**Catechesis with Fr. Alex** — Every Monday 6:30-8pm at Haydon Hall, food and wine provided. Our next topic will be **Women in the Church**.

**THE CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE** — '*The Lord is my Faithful Shepherd*'. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll, will be performing JS Bach's 'Shepherd' Cantatas BWV 104, 85, 112 and the Mass in F, BWV 233 on Saturday 2 September at 7.30pm, and Sunday 3 Sep at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

**RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2023-24 - are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith?** The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is a course for all wishing to deepen their knowledge of the faith, as well as for those preparing for adult Baptism and Confirmation. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm, commencing the first week of October 2023. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or to register.

**INTEGRAL ECOLOGY PILGRIMAGE**—The Archdiocese, in collaboration with the Australian Catholic University, is offering this deep learning experience focused on what integral ecology means for each person, parish, and school, and animating new pathways for our Laudato Si action plan. Everyone is welcome, with free weekly online sessions running from 31 August to 5 October. Please register and find further information at <https://cgatholic.org.au/integral-ecology-journeying/>

**CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program**— Wednesday 13 Sept, 5:00pm-9:00pm Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple. **Information and registration** - [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) **Enquiries:** Helena Zobec [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) or 0405 440 463

**St Benedict's Fundraising Event**— 'Songs of a Golden Era', . All are invited to come and enjoy live singing, with classic hits from the 60s to the 90s from the St Benedict's music ministry. Food, fun and prizes to be won! Saturday 2nd Sept, 6:00pm-9:00pm at St Benedict's School Hall. Cost: \$25 a ticket (family passes available) Tickets can be purchased online at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com). All proceeds to be given to St Benedict's Church. Donations welcome.

# 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 [cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/](http://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER—YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—** Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>

**GIVING STATEMENT—** From the 1st July 2021, tax deductions became no longer available for Planned-Giving in Canberra parishes. 5% of Planned Giving in each parish was previously given to the *Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund*; the only tax deductible component of your offering. That Fund is no longer attached to our parishes. Tax deductibility remains for special Archdiocesan donations e.g. The *Annual Retired Priests' Collection*. Therefore, tax receipts can no longer be issued. However a statement of giving is available. Please contact the parish office.

This month **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young in Paraguay but also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject) .

**CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT—** Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit [caretaxi.com.au](http://caretaxi.com.au), or 0451 734 334.

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023—** Support older women facing homelessness in the ACT & surrounding region. This winter, Vinnies are aiming to raise \$400,000. These funds will provide emergency accommodation, food, clothing, medical costs and more. Please donate . 13 18 12 or visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

**BIBLE STUDY—** St Raphael's, Queanbeyan on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm. Adults from 18 to 40 are welcome. For more information, contact David on 0415286080



## Year of the Holy Spirit

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
Of the Holy Spirit,  
Did instruct the hearts  
Of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in His  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

#### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Arthur Barnier, Lorena & Annabella Nyunt, Violet Slater, Edward Harvey, William Blake

**Those who are ill:** Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, Rosa Mustapic, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Mena-due, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, 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.

**Anniversaries of death:** Gabriella Antonelli, Marie Hargraves, Marjorie Kenny, Amelia LoPilato (One year Anniversary), 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 Gaspardis, Michael McKeown, Teddy Kartadinata, 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, Patricia Robertson, Charlie Morella, Norman Stevenson, Clive Waldren, Clarita Flores, Laurus Westende, Thomas Bradshaw, Kathleen Ford, Christopher Ford, Adrienne Brown, Rodrigo de Guzman, Marie Therese Pocock, Kevin and Peg Guthrie, Fernando Antonelli, Mark Doyle, Nuala Boyce Redhead

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Baliva, Frank Commisso, Basilio Dias, Fr Laurie Beath (brother of Fr Greg Beath), Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Leena Dias (Mother of Fr Norvin Dias),

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 26/27 August



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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:** 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

**Isaiah 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

**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.

### READERS ROSTER AUGUST

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	26/27 Aug	2/3 Sept	26/27 Aug	2/3 Sept	
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Leszek Buszynski	Irene Maranan Ruth Meadows			
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle			
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone			
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Raphael Molu	Raphael Molu Jaye Corcoran			
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Patrick Beer	Cecilia Flores Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Kevin Woods	Lynette Yap Solange Pereira			

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