



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B -  
22 Aug 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
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St Christopher's &  
St Peter Chanel's  
are currently closed  
due to the ACT lock-  
down.

## 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

## Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun  
4:45pm

## Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

## Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Christopher's,

Just over one week in lockdown. I do hope you are all traveling well. We have had to adapt in many ways. Home-schooling, working from home, and for some...solo isolation. Many have commented over this past week, how 'uncertain' everything is, and they're right. This is what we seem to fear the most. The uncertain. And yet it's not just Covid. These past days have revealed again how uncertain, restless and indeed unstable life can often be. Afghanistan, Myanmar, Haiti. And then there's the dialogue over euthanasia here in the territory.

Yet for you and I – as Christians– the question amidst all of this 'uncertainty' and instability, is one of utmost importance. How often do we focus upon the *Certainty* which is ours.

We are still in the *Year of Saint Joseph*. And it seems divinely provident, that the Pope has chosen St. Joseph to be our model in these twelve months. We can certainly rely upon Joseph now, more than ever. In a sense, *uncertainty* was the theme of St Joseph's life. Yet he's response was always one of quite listening. We too ask, how is God speaking to me? Each day, he speaks to us in the Church, in the Mass, in the readings, in the Gospel. I encourage you to sit with the Gospel daily. Because the place of isolation and quite can also be a graced place of growth in prayer and intimacy with God. Silence can be a special form of attentiveness to God. Let us not waste this time, but use it for our spiritual growth.

This Sunday also marks, '**Australia Prays**', an interdenominational initiative of Australian Christians, to prayer and fast together for an end to the Corona virus pandemic and those affected by it. On Sunday we are invited to join in prayer for this intention close to every heart. Further details can be found on page 2 of the bulletin.

Of course we continue to pray for the Covid situation here and afar. Yet our hearts and prayers turn too, with the Holy Father, to the people of **Afghanistan, Haiti and Myanmar**. May the Lord of peace and life have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Finally, in these days, while we can not physically be at Mass, we are invited to make an act of **Spiritual Communion**. For various reasons throughout history, faithful have been prevented from receiving the Eucharist in the Mass. Many of the great Saints however made an act of spiritual communion in these moments. Here we express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

So friends, despite the uncertainty which seem to encroach, we cling to Christ, echoing the words of the disciples in today's Gospel, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life" (Jn 6). We turn to the world's *Certainty* and Hope. God remains with us, indeed closer than ever. God is in our midst, because the Lord Jesus is in our midst.

Let us remain close to Jesus and each other, as the journey continues.



# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

### School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

### Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 23 Aug St Rosa of Lima, virgin

Tue 24 Aug FEAST St Bartholomew, Apostle

Wed 25 Aug Sts Luis & Joseph Calasanz

Thu 26 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Fri 27 Aug St Monica

Sat 28 Aug St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Sun 29 Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ALL PARISH GROUPS ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

#### Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm  
Haydon Hall

#### St Vincent de Paul

Adventurers Youth Group  
(primary school age)  
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

#### 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

**LOCKDOWN**— Masses will still be offered on the regular schedule for your intentions, yet without a congregation present. Mass will be livestreamed daily at 12:15pm and on Sunday at 11:00am.

**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER— *Human beings need humanity not Euthanasia*** – find a copy of this important letter online, on our parish website.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER— THE CHURCH TOGETHER – Sunday 22 August 2021.** Christians of all denominations around Australia unit in prayer for the current COVID-19 crisis.

**This Sunday from 9AM – 9PM**

(AEST), on **Zoom**, with Church and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or longer. Register online or more information visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy)



**RCIA 2021-22** - Want to learn more about Jesus and his Church, exploring faith and life's meaning? Come and 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 supportive, welcoming environment. The program is open to all and is particularly designed for those interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments for the first time. Thursday evenings, 6pm, starting 16 September. To register or for more info email [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**NEEDING SUPPORT/HELP** - need help ordering groceries online? As a parish family we want to help... let us know, we'll be there!

### An Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### 2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH—SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Eucharist classes have been postponed to 5 Oct for 31 Oct Mass. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

### Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid and now lockdown pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. Please consider direct debit and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

### New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

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## OTHER NEWS

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Mon-Sat at 12.15pm & Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

**New Ways of Giving and Receiving**—The Archdiocese offers simpler and safer ways of making your financial offering, during this time of pandemic and into the future. **Direct debit** and **QKR** options are available, as well as **TapnGo** machines (when we return to Masses 'in person'). Thank you sincerely for your generosity. Please continue to make your offering during this time, if you are able, and perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .

**The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese.** *If you make an offer to this first collection 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 mission and maintenance of the parish.** 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 parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

**Or... Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!**

You can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Please include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number.

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office . For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit <https://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

**CatholicCare** – During this time you and your family may feel you need a little extra support. Reach out – Here for every human being. For more information visit <https://catholiccare.cg.org.au/> or contact 02 61626100 Email: [info@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccare.cg.org.au)

**Vocations Holy Hour and Dinner:** Will resume after lockdown on each first Thursday of the month. Holy Hour and dinner at Archbishop's House for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. If you are wanting to meet other like-minded men, please contact Fr Paul Nulley (Vocations Director) at: [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)

**Vocations Discernment Weekend:** Friday 24 Sept. – Sunday 26 Sept. An extended discernment opportunity involving a retreat at Galong. For more information please contact [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop**— Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome. Closed during lockdown but can be contacted during office hours Mon-Fri. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

**The Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration— postponed** to August 2022. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, John Anderson AO will remain the guest speaker of next year's event. Any enquires contact [jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au](mailto:jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au)

**Fan the Flame - PLENARY ASSEMBLY 3 Oct 2021** - Updates, formation materials and resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections can be found at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Emergency Aid for Haiti. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International) has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit [www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)

### We pray for...

**Those who are ill:** Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

**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 Gaspardis, 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, Laurus Westende

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts (Sister of Fr Hilton Roberts), Lorenzo Pastrello, Linda di Cullo, Josef Wiedemann, Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Fr Elizebije Petar, Eduardo Pelaez Tan, Tee Eng Nio, Ferry Tedjajadi, Aurelio Biurra, Eduardo Telaez Tan, Stephen Evans,



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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 Psalm:** 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

Jos 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 Reading

Jn 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 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.'