



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



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21 August 2022



Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

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
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

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

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

An Eternal Appetite of Infancy to Enter the Narrow Gate

English writer and theologian G.K Chesterton became a Catholic in 1922, and July marked 100 years after his conversion. Chesterton wrote a staggering amount, and in seemingly every genre; from journalism to plays, poetry to crime novels. A passage from his work *Orthodoxy*, stuck me this week, where he charmingly observed:

"Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again"; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."

As we age we seem to lose this childlike vitality and fascination, the 'eternal appetite of infancy'. We tire of the same, the monotony. And we suffer as a consequence. Aware of our woundedness we're soon weighed down. Yet we forget that God does not tire. It is you and I who grow tired of seeking him; his healing, strength, and forgiveness, Francis reminds us.

It is often called 'childlike' wonder. I see it in my niece and nephews. Everything is always new! Candles on a birthday cake... blasé right? Not to a 2-year-old. The wind blowing through the trees... no big deal? It is to a 4-year-old. Ants marching across the pavement. A nuisance! Not to a 5-year-old! God is found more in what the weary adult sees as mundane, than the extraordinary. But we cease to be amazed. He lingers in the 'ordinary' in hopes that we may go searching for Him. Yet we tire. We tire of seeking, of preserving towards the narrow gate.

Turning to the Gospel, Pope Francis repeats that the way to heaven is difficult and the gate small, yet when Jesus is asked "will only a few people be saved?" instead of focusing on the number who enter, Jesus turns the question "upside down" and points to the *path* to heaven.

"Jesus makes it clear that it is not a question of numbers, there is no 'closed number' in Paradise! But a question of going through the right passage, which is there, for everyone, but it is narrow." "In what sense? In the sense that to be saved one must love God and one's neighbour, and this is not comfortable! It is a 'narrow door' because it is *demanding*, it requires commitment, indeed, 'effort,' that is a determined and persevering will, to live according to the Gospel." For many it becomes monotony, too hard... but for the Christian it is a mission to love that is ever new.

"For us Christians, this means that we are called to establish a true communion with Jesus, praying, going to church, approaching the Sacraments and nourishing ourselves with his Word and never tiring of doing so ...this keeps us in faith, nourishes our hope, revives charity."

What the Lord ask of us, is that we always have that childlike wonder. For a child, the world is ever new, and the marvels of God ever abundant. The narrow gate then is one of perseverance, of adoring the repetition, of seeking Jesus in every 'ordinary' moment, each day. Without tiring. May we always have 'the eternal appetite of infancy' in the pilgrimage. For when we open ourselves to God's grace and the chance to be continually surprised by Him, we begin to see that the narrow way, the way of God is in fact... well... child's play. ft

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Aug 22 21st week of Ord. Time

Tues Aug 23 21st week of Ord. Time

Wed. Aug 24 21st week of Ord. Time
Saint Bartholomew

Thurs. Aug 25 21st week of Ord. Time

Fri. Aug 26 21st week of Ord. Time

Sat. Aug 27 21st week of Ord. Time
St Monica

Sun. Aug 28 22nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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 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.

2022 FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – 4th September –The *Clergy Retirement Foundation* supports 28 retired priests of our Archdiocese. This Appeal raises funds to meet the needs of these priests and give security in their retirement years. Envelopes will be available in coming weeks, and all are tax deductible. Thank you for your overwhelming support of our retired priests. cgatholic.org.au/donate.

RCIA 2022-23 – Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith? The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is an easy to understand course to deepen knowledge of the faith, as well as prepare for adult Baptism and Confirmation. Contact the parish. Gatherings begin first week of **October**, 6pm, Thursdays.

2022 SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Eucharist classes start 18 Oct for 13 November. Enroll at cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx or contact the office.

CANBERRA MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE – Gather of men to pray the Rosary, Saturday 3rd September, 10:30am, Saint Christopher's Piazza.

ARCHBISHOP'S NEW BOOK LAUNCH— "*Hidden Treasures*" is set to launch 2 September, 10:30am for a 11am event at the Catholic Bookshop. The Archbishop will be present to meet and sign books. Morning tea provided. To RSVP, please contact the Catholic Bookshop catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au or call 6239 9887

CALLED TO SERVE – ANNUAL PERMANENT DIACONATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT – 22/23 OCTOBER 2022 – A call to the permanent diaconate can come to a man who may already have committed himself to the vocation of Christian marriage and family life, or may be living the single life. Do I have a call? When is the right time to begin formation? Join us for a time of prayer and co-discernment. This retreat is a first step, and carries no expectation to begin formation, but is required by one who does wish to apply. Enquiries: trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au

GRILL'D & GOD | Man & Woman He Created Them – Inviting all high-school students to Grill'd in Gungahlin on **Wednesday the 24th of August from 5.30pm** Any questions please get in contact anh.tran@cg.org.au

HOME Session Trivia Night- Join us on Saturday the **27th of August at 6.30pm** at Haydon Hall for a night of fun and games! Tickets are \$30 but if you can get a table to 6, we'll give you the **6th ticket for free!** **Adults and young adults invited!** Any questions please contact Anh, anh.tran@cg.org.au

Faith and Visual Art with Fr. Joseph Tran- Join us on Wednesday the 31st of August for our new Conversations on Faith series *Faith & The Arts*. 6pm at Haydon Hall. Any questions please contact Anh, anh.tran@cg.org.au

READERS FORMATION TRAINING- Held Saturday 10 September after 12:15pm Mass. We invite those who feel called to the Ministry to participate in Readers formation & procedural practice. Current readers are welcome. Contact scc.spc.readers@gmail.com

PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING— 5 day course: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. Two courses on offer: Sept 21 to Oct 19, 2022 and Feb 15-Mar 15 2023, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan; cost \$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com



Australian Synthesis

The National Synthesis report is now available for download.

www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

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.

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/ **Thank you for your generosity**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES— are available for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please use the **BROWN** envelopes for giving. Thank you always to all our generous givers.

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue. Face masks encouraged are during liturgies. Thank you for your continued efforts

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

PARISH READING GROUP – You are invited to join a Reading Group “Many Gifts - One Spirit: Living our vocations and callings in the Church and in the World today”. Wed Evenings 7:30pm (1st & 3rd of month). Contact 0401 994 081

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, 28 August – Bishops' Social Justice Statement: **Respect: Confronting violence and abuse.** Visit socialjustice.catholic.org.au / 6201 9845.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION—voluntary position available for a Management Committee member. Enquiries to Fr Trenton.

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT – “Conversations of the Heart” - with Sr Lorraine Cupitt. Reflect on God's action and grace in your daily routine. 27 year in Adult Spirituality and Accompaniment. Contact Sr Lorraine. Lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com

CARE FOR CREATION CONFERENCE - Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin, Saturday 17 September, John Paul II College. Focusing on the lessons and goals of *Laudato Si': On Caring for Our Common Home*, and our joint path to ecological conversion, the conference will help to collaboratively develop parish action plans requested by Pope Francis and endorsed in the 5th Plenary council.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Theodore Hughes, Sunday Bruce

Those who are ill: McKenzie Killian, Phil Pocock, Sophy, Medardo Balmaceda, Sally Barber, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

Anniversaries of death: Keith Wong, Bruna Stevenson, Maria Memmolo, Clare O'Connor, Rosa Morabito, Pat Boyle, Alejandro & Orlando Cerda, Alex Sklepik, 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, Thomas Bradshaw, Kathleen Ford, Christopher Ford, Adrienne Brown, Rodrigo de Guzman

Recently Deceased: Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adrienne Brown, Frances Monica Beattie (Wellach-Smith), Claudine Radjam, Luke Koay, Tony Corkeron, Stephen Brooks, Claudine Ignace, Tobias Barry, Ros Allen, Fred Thorpe, Bruce Lotton (Fr. Andrew Lotton's Brother), Gwen Gleeson, Those killed by gunmen in St Francis Catholic Church, Owo, Nigeria; Berty Jacob, Dr Helen Bourke, Peter Kavanagh, Molly Reid, Wilhelmina Bosman



Cathedral QR code

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: Go out to all the world

Gospel Acclamation: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

		Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Mass	20/21 Aug	27/28 Aug	20/21 Aug	27/28 Aug	
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Mark Hyman	Leszek Buszynski Ruth Meadows			
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler			
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	Volunteer		Marcus Smith
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Ruth Meadows	St Bede's Children's Liturgy			
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Liz Porra Edwina Hyman	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway		Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Annabelle Devitt	Lynette Yap Rebekah O'Meagher			

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