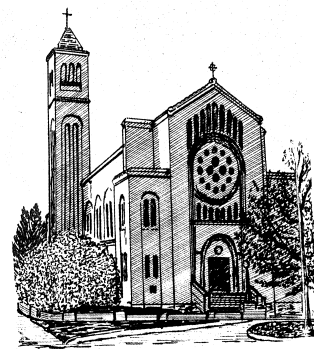


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

22nd Sunday in Ord.
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1st September 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

A Blessed Father's Day

Fatherhood is *every man's* vocation. For a man to fall short of this gift to him, in his particular state of life, is *the utmost* tragedy. Without fathers, the world suffers.

Perhaps today, the greatest sadness lies in the fact that many do not embrace and live their whole life in solidarity with this identity. In a world of continued turmoil and uncertainty we witness again and again, how the calm, sturdy and protective vocation of the father is essential. Men aren't called to be perfect. They are called to be fathers. Pope Francis spoke of Jesus' earthly father as "a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows." All these attributes point to the paternal identity as one who lives not for himself, but to give life and love to another; a sacrifice of sorts.

In *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love, 2016), the Pope writes: "God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship... Close to his children as they grow – when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path..."

Certainly, as human, wounded fathers (including the fatherhood of the priesthood) we achieve this ideal to a lesser or greater extent. It is however the perfection found in God's Fatherhood which we seek to emulate. This is the pattern every man should strive for. After all, it is for such a life that he was created.

God the Father is ever-present in the good and difficult, the high and low, the affluent times, as well as the anxious. A true father shares in everything with his children, and *never* leaves their side.

True Fatherhood then is intimate, physical and vulnerable. It does not shy away from the difficult. Not when one's beloved is entrenched in it. Every father is called to witness and allow others to experience this. Yet first, we must experience it ourselves. I write this, conscious of the fact that some have not experienced this. Many long to see it in their own fathers, husbands and even themselves. But in this moment, we remember that God our Father wishes to be this for us in each and every moment, of each and every day. Just as Jesus held and touched the deaf man, gazing to His Father, so too does he hold and reach out to touch us. For what is true of Jesus' actions, is true of the Heavenly Father and each man who strives to imitate that love.

Fatherhood is a participation in the Love of God, and society is only as healthy as the fathers who make it up. We pray today for all fathers – living and deceased, fathers-to-be, uncles and father figures. Thank God for this gift and revelation of fatherhood; a participation in the Love of God.

We give thanks for all retired priests this day too. Please consider supporting them in the *Annual Father Day Appeal*, which we launch today.

With fatherly affection, Father Trenton

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2024

Dear friends, the 2024 *Archdiocesan Father's Day Appeal* will be conducted in all parishes over the weekend of the 31 August and 1 September to support the *Clergy Retirement Foundation*. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the *Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* "In my old age do not abandon me" (Psalm 71 :9), which emphasises how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities. Many of our retired priests still live independently and continue to serve our community by celebrating mass, ministering in hospitals, caring for the sick, and grieving. Other retired priests are frail and require medical support. Without the Clergy Retirement Foundation, their retirement and care options would be less secure. They have been the cornerstones of our Catholic community, and it is fitting that we care for them as they age.

So, please prayerfully consider giving a generous gift today. You can make a tax-deductible donation:

- By envelopes inside church entrances. Return to GPO Box 3089, Canberra, ACT 2061
- By visiting cgatholic.org.au/donate
or by Calling: (02) 6239 9876

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.
Yours sincerely in Christ, *Archbishop Christopher Prowse*

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 2 22nd Week in Ord. Time
Tues Sept 3 22nd Week in Ord. Time
St Gregory the Great
Wed Sept 4 22nd Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Sept 5 22nd Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Sept 6 22nd Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Sept 7 22nd Week in Ord. Time
Sun Sep 8 23rd 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**.

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 cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly



SPEED NETWORKING FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN— An event for practicing Catholic Women looking to connect to and learn from others across a range of careers and backgrounds. Join us on **Wednesday 25th September, 6.30-8.30pm** in the Haydon Hall! **Enquiries:** restore.network.cbr@gmail.com **Registrations** via [Eventbrite Link](#)

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!

Marriage Preparation Courses—Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. **SmartLoving** – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**


We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Isaac Lenarduzzi

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.

Anniversaries of death: Antonio Torres Hidalgo, John Francis Thompson, Baby 'Angel' Thompson, Tom Brennan, Ralph Biggs, Michael Kelly, Teresa Calabria, Millie & Dick Millwood, Iris Mangan, William Flanagan, Beryl Phillis, Judith Appleton, John Roberts, Guerino Belmonte, Alfonso Cadona, Jim Phelan, Dorothy O'Donnell Vail, Jack Kane, Maria Walker, Colleen Brazil, Margaret Byrnes, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson

Recently Deceased: John O'Kane, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, Jim Rogers, Brian Tozer, Judy McBrien, Jaroslaw Jakiwczyk, Fr Peter James Gannon, Kath Brandon, Fr Pat Kenna, Rosalie Crispe, Felice Lo Pilato, David Grimmond, Agnes Sorrentino, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte,



Come, Holy Spirit

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?
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.

cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly
evangelisation@cg.org.au



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



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Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

First Reading

Deut 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

READERS ROSTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	31 Aug / 1 Sept	7/8 Sept	31 Aug / 1 Sep	7/8 Sept	
5.00pm (SCC)	Dorilyn Desuyo Jacob Madden	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Becky Langworthy			
9.30am (SPC)	Mariana Marton Raphael Molu	Kristina Faigl			
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Samantha Hazlett	Samantha Hazlett Bronwen Grey	Volunteer		Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Kevin Woods Rebekah O’Meagher	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O’Meagher			

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