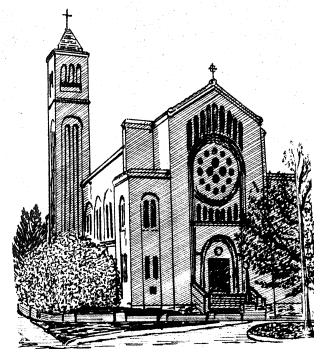




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St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
30 August 2020

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias

Masses will be offered
with a maximum of 100
people present until
further notice.

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Dear Parishioners, and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

Things are not always the way our 'instincts' or feelings first tell us they are. In fact, upon close examination many things which at first seem too challenging or even sometimes disastrous, often turn out to reveal truths and possibilities which previously, we never thought possible. Such can be said of many things in life; but most undoubtedly, such can be said of God. A God who at 'first glance', comes *merely* as a gentle child. A God who comes in the unassuming silence of the night. A God who comes in weakness and suffering. How ungodlike!

In so many things in life, we believe we already have the full picture; and so we draw (what we think) are the obvious and clear conclusion. Is this not the case with Peter in today's Gospel? Peter knew who Christ was, he was convinced, or so he thought! He knew He was the messiah, come to redeem His people. Finally, heads would roll! The Son of God had arrived! But when Jesus reveals *how* things really are (*inviting* Peter to closer examination and reflection), telling Peter how He must suffer and die, that we might be saved. Peter retorts! As if to say: "No, no I've done the calculations, you are a king, kings don't die this way! I know how this is meant to go. No like this!"

We too, still often have the same reaction as Peter, and our reactions are understandable. We find it easy to accept that Jesus is in the joys of life, the happiness and victories, but often we forget that He is even more so present in the crosses – in the sufferings and in the pain. Things are not always as they first appear.

Jesus tells those closest to Him how He is to suffer and die, in order to fulfil His Messiahship. Peter however reacts in a way that perhaps any of us would, and do. This was the Messiah, the one Israel had been waiting for! He was supposed to conquer the Roman occupation and free His people. Peter was expecting a certain kind of saviour, a saviour who would take all his crosses away.

Jesus does not respond: "oh, no you've misunderstood! Please, let me explain!" But rather, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him...take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

We must never fear suffering or our cross, for God is present there. Jesus never abandons, but rather, it is from the Cross that He transforms. What are the crosses I am faced with in these days? Am I allowing Christ to carry them for and with me?

God is with us. God is with you. Take heart! Yes, of course in life's joys, but more so in the moments when the cross becomes so evident to us that its weight seems too much. *That* is where He abides, and in unimaginable Love, He helps us to carry that cross. For loves only condition, is to be received.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION
'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch

Contact office to register your interest for next RCIA program.

School of Religion

See details below

Youth Minister—Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 31 Aug 22nd week in Ordinary Time

Tue 1 Sept 22nd week in Ordinary Time

Wed 2 Sept 22nd week in Ordinary Time

Thu 3 Sept St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Fri 4 Sept Ember Day

Sat 5 Sept St Teresa of Calcutta

Sun 6 Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Legion of Mary

Saturdays 3pm, Haydon Hall
Contact: 0431 060 556

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
Fortnightly Sundays,
8.45am SPC

Young Adults Bible Study

Thursday 6.30pm, Hayden Hall
chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

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

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

Notice about Covid-19 Restrictions: Thank you too all who have consistently adhered to the Covid-19 protocols in our parish and Archdiocese. We are enabled to continue our prayer and worship because of your care and attention to this. Please ensure you continue to **sanitise your hands frequently** and **wipe your pew upon exiting**.

Weekend Mass sign in sheets—please ensure that when signing in for Mass, there is **only one name per line**. Please do not write for example: *Smith x3*. It is crucial that we only have the designated 100 people in the Cathedral at any one time, abiding by the 1.5 meter rule. Sheets are marked with 100 places to ensure this is achieved. Thanks for all you are doing in these days.

IS CHRIST CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD? Claim the date: A Vocations Weekend for those discerning a call to the priesthood – **18th-20th September 2020, Galong Retreat Centre**. Contact Fr Nulley, Archdiocesan Vocations Director paul_nulley@cg.org.au or Fr Trenton, trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au.

Planned giving Contributions: Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2020-2021 financial year are available in the church. Please use only these new envelopes from July onwards, rather than any remaining 2019-2020 envelopes. (Some envelopes numbers will be changed for this coming financial year so we want to avoid any confusion from using the old envelope numbers). Thank you very much to all our generous givers.

Weekend Collections: Parish collection stations receive Planned Giving envelopes and all other offerings. We continue to offer **Tap & Go PayWave machines**. Just tap your debit or credit card. You can also download the **Qkr! App** where you can select directly where your donations go, incl. archdiocesan missions. Please contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or monthly Credit Card deductions for both collections – or, contact us with any questions. Thanks for your generous support!

New Reading/Lector Volunteers requested—For some months now the Cathedral has added a Vigil Mass at 5pm. Please email the parish office if you are interested in joining the Lectors Roster for this Mass and/or other of the Cathedral Parish Masses (excluding the 11am Mass). This includes Masses at St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla. Training will be provided. Email: cathedral@cg.org.au if you are interested.

New ways of Giving

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

More information:
www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM RECOMMENCING

Confirmation (yr 5 & 6 children): classes start Mon, 12 Oct 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation Mass will occur on Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 6pm.

These programs are for children who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More info. & Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.



Adventurers Primary Age Youth Group: Sunday's at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's our Primary youth group **Young Adventurers**, will gather at SPC before 9:30am Mass. Next Meeting: 6 Sept

Young adults and professionals: **Young Adults Brunch—30 Aug**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

"Come and See" (John 1:39) - Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood? - 18th-20th September

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

OTHER NEWS

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

NEW PROTOCOLS - Please familiarize yourself with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, **only 100 people** are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
 - ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
 - All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
 - Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
 - Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
 - Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. NB: Families can sit together.
 - Please use the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided at entrances.
 - There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
 - No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.
 - Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.
- Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares on the tiles mark this distance. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

Father's Day Appeal – The annual collection for retired priests: 30 priests of our Archdiocese come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At the 5th & 6th Sept Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate.



Important Message: Statement by Christopher Prowse Re: Sexuality and Gender Identity Conversion Practices Bill 2020 see, www.catholicvoice.org.au/important-message-re-sexuality-and-gender-identity-conversion-bill-2020/

Vinnies Covid-19 Appeal: Vinnies will not be holding a winter appeal in 2020. Instead, we are encouraged to donate to the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can donate online at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/covid-19-emergency-appeal or by calling 13 18 12. Vinnies Canberra Night Patrol is also seeking donations of warm items- blankets, jackets, new socks. You can donate at any of the Vinnies shops.

Support of the church in the Holy Land - 13 September. The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world the date for the collection has been moved. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers.

14th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations—6 Sept-28 Nov. (launched by the Knights of the Southern Cross) praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life including Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas).

An Invitation to Listen to God's Word. Our Plenary Council and the Gospel of John. September 13 - September 18. Presented by renown Scripture Scholar Rev Prof Frank Moloney SDB AM, See www.stclement.com.au

"The Way Forward" A free online pro-life panel, 19 Sept, 2-4pm. What practical steps, however small, can we take towards creating a more life-affirming culture? Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting a panel of speakers involved in medicine, law and policy, and the social media sphere, who are finding innovative ways to reach out in support of pregnant women and their unborn children. Join us for an afternoon of online presentations and Q&A, and learn how you too can help to build a culture of life. Register at bit.ly/way-forward-canberra.

Vacant position—Financial Services Support Officer—We are looking for an enthusiastic, systems minded candidate who has had some two years' experience with bookkeeping, payroll, BAS/GST and financial reporting, preferably using the accounting software MYOB. Applications close on Monday 31 August 2020. Please send your application to Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au. Position Description: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/position-vacant-financial-services-support-officer/>

Isolation from COVID-19 has only exacerbated the already huge issue of mental health. Among other issues, loneliness is a foundational experience of so many. This year's **Social Statement of the Australian Bishops** is titled: **"To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today"** and can be found on Australian Bishops Conference website: www.catholic.org.au

Praying for Vocations: Every Friday: Evening Prayer and Adoration, Mary Help of Christians, Pearce 5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. First Wednesday: Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m. First Friday: Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Marco Te Hire; Hudson Donohoe, Amelia Santos Salgueiro

Those who are ill: Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Muriel Morgan, Paul Mychailuk

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 Gasparis, 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, Nicanor Pazcoguin

Recently Deceased: Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims, Tom Hallahan, Effie McKeogh, Carmel MacDonagh, Michael Somes, David Clark, Robert Somes, Dante Scorpecci, Rita O'Connor, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook,

Readings of the Day – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

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 PSALM: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

First Reading

Jer 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Second Reading

Rom 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Reading

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	29/30 Aug	5/6 Sept	29/30 Aug	5/6 Sept
6.00pm (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Geraldene Ford	Mike Nash Felicity de Fombelle	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Philip Pocock Assigned	Assigned Joe Zavone	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Lynn Chan Jacqueline Hipwell	Scott Pobihun Edwina Hyman	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Jacob Madden	Rebekah O'Meagher Gabrielle Wright	n/a	n/a

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