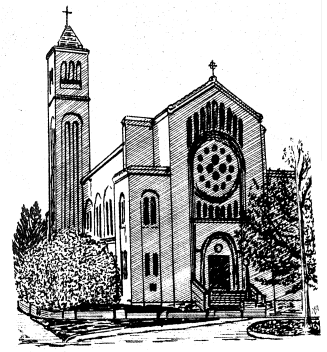


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

23rd Sunday in Ord.
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8th September 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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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

More than a Word...

I fear what practitioners and surgeons, not to mention OH&S Australia would make of Jesus' methods of healing in this Sunday's today. Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches his tongue with spittle. And stranger still, it works! Immediately, we hear the man's ears are opened!

Yet reality is, throughout the gospels we're continually hearing of these encounters of Jesus healing. That's what Jesus does! In fact, we've come to expect it; almost like a magician.

Today's culture however has lost much of the sense of the extraordinary intimacy that Jesus reveals about the heart of God in these healings. Jesus can often be portrayed almost as a mythical figure, who heals... but doesn't necessarily know or enter into a relationship with the one He heals. We pray: "Jesus, help me with this, or heal me of that....or...if I go to Mass or do a Novena, give me this, and then I'll be fine..."

We seek his healing, but not his heart!

We seek a remedy, but not a relationship!

And when a person does this, no wonder he remains unfulfilled and unsatisfied! Mass becomes an obligation. Faith becomes a set of rules! What a terrible life to live.

In the Gospel Jesus heals a man. Yet it's not so much the *fact* that He heals, so much as the way that He chooses to heal. It is not through words alone, but touch; a graphic, intimate, almost invasive touch.

Jesus could have just spoken, as He did with Simon Peter's mother in law, and in the beginning of Creation. But He *chooses* to do more. There is an Incarnational necessity and intention to His reaching and transforming us.

This *modus operandi* of God, is not for His own benefit, but for the benefit of the one He heals. The benefit of you and I. Why? Because fundamental to Christ, is relationship. Looking to His Father in Heaven he cries, *Ephphatha*, 'be opened!'

Our God does not just want to heal, He wants to love, protect and save in and through a most perfect and close relationship, showing Himself *shockingly united* to the one who suffers.

But it doesn't stop there. "Jesus took him off by himself!" It was a private affair, not a loud spectacle, with lights and apparitions... Instead, it was quiet and almost undetectable.

God's desperate unity with humanity is perhaps most beautifully evident in the fact that – we read in the original Greek – "He groaned". This is not a God disconnected and unable to sympathise with human suffering.

God is not a God off in the distance, far removed! He is a God who feels our frustration and so our pain... a God who shares the burden. He takes to Himself human flesh with all its mess, in order to restore and save it.

Friends, Christ shows us in the Eucharist above all, that just as he held and touched the deaf man, he holds and makes contact with us. This much is true.

As you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, Christ comes to you in the same way that he came to all those He heals in the gospels. Not to simply speak a word, but to embrace! Once more you hold God in your hands, and when you consume Him, He will strengthen and change you, giving you ears to hear His Voice and a changed heart, to feel His tender caress.

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 9 23rd Week in Ord. Time
Tues Sept 10 23rd Week in Ord. Time
Wed Sept 11 23rd Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Sept 12 23rd Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Sept 13 23rd Week in Ord. Time
St John Chrysostom
Sat. Sept 14 23rd Week in Ord. Time
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sun Sep 15 24th 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 6th October**.

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



ASSEMBLY WEEKEEND; MASS CHANGE— Please note, the Saturday 9am Mass on the **19th October** will be canceled and instead held at **7:30am** for the Assembly.

APOLOGETICS WITH FR ALEX— **16th 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 cover the basics of rhetoric and oratory.

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.



SPC morning tea: The PPC are looking for volunteers to help establish a monthly Parish morning tea at St Peter Chanel's after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Please email the Parish Office to express your interest!

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.

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](#)



CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH— returns **7pm, 17th September Haydon Hall** for another exciting season on Faith and Relationships, delving into how various types of relationships can shape us and grow our faith. Our first session will be led by our very own Fr. Alex who will be delving into Faith and Intergenerational Relationships. All are welcome.

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: CATHEDRAL & 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.

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**

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

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Hunter Porombka & Elizabeth Raeyers

Those to be married: Rosa Pochi and Anthony Barbaro

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: Pauline Taffa, 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, 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.

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Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running stream, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land spring of water.

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

READERS ROSTER SEPTEMBER

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	7/8 Sept	14/15 Sept	7/8 Sept	14/15 Sept
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Crystal Lavien Stewart Unwin		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Becky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Kristina Faigl Mariana Marton	Jaye Corcoran Fiona Wheeler		
11.00am (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Bronwen Grey	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O’Meagher	Anthony Brierley Les Buszynski		

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