

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

23rd Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year A  
10th September 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
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YEAR OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
August 2023– 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  
5.00pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

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

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Adoration

### St Christopher's

Monday 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

## Correction and Criticism

Our readings leave little room for interpretation: We have a responsibility to correct each other. Ezekiel is told that he has to warn his brother who is sinning otherwise he will lose his life. Jesus tells his disciples that we ought to correct each other. However, he tells us that we ought to do it gently. Firstly, it is best to resolve problems between yourselves. If our brother does not listen to us then we should bring two or three witnesses. If this does not reconcile him, Jesus tells us, to report him to the community. If he does not listen to the community, then he is treated like a pagan or a tax collector. (It should be said this Gospel was written by a former tax collector, and Jesus, treated both of these groups with an abundance of mercy and welcome, ceaselessly hoping to bring them to heaven).

I have great news; the world has listened to Christ. It is full of criticism and correction. There truly is no shortage of criticism in our world; I type this reflection with trembling fingers anticipating an inevitable comment.

Now, this abundance of correction is not exactly a bad thing, the Bible tells us that a wise man loves correction. My question is: if there is no shortage of criticism in the world, why isn't it a better place?

Surely, the sheer volume of complaints and criticisms in this world will have brought us to a place of deep communal connection, mutual trust and understanding. It can't be the case that criticism has been dividing people, can it?

Jesus tells us to correct each other, but it is counterproductive if we don't do it well. We must obey God, but we have to pick the right opportunity to do it.

Only the very best of people will take correction from a hypocrite, always speak with integrity.

Only the most patient of people will listen to angry criticism, treat each other gently. An exhausted and overwhelmed person might not have the right frame of mind to listen and accept correction.

Constant criticism will erode a person's patience, it's best have the one hard conversation rather than fight every time you see each other.

Gilbert K. Chesterton has an excellent observation, "What embitters the world is not excess of criticism, but absence of self-criticism."

Let us pray that we might accept correction well, be gentle with each other, and may we all be led to Christ

Fr. Alex

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music**  
Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office

**School of Religion**  
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

**Youth Ministers**  
Mr Andre Le  
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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 11 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
Tues Sept 12 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
Wed Sept 13 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
St John Chrysostom  
Thu. Sept 14 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Fri. Sept 15 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Sat. Sept 16 23rd Week in Ord. Time  
Sts Cornelius & Cyprian  
Sun Sept 17 24th SUNDAY ORD.TIME

## 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.**

**We joyfully welcome the Embassy of Chile who will be joining the Cathedral parish this Sunday 10 September for 5pm Mass and will be celebrated by the Nuncio Archbishop Charles Balvo.**

**SAFEGUARDING**— We are looking for two Parish Safeguarding Volunteers to support our implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and to help us ensure that our community remains a safe and nurturing environment for children and vulnerable people. A full role description, including responsibilities and the required and desirable qualifications, is available at [bit.ly/3P92udW](https://bit.ly/3P92udW). To apply for the positions, please send a short email to [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) outlining why you are interested, relevant skills or experience, and the details of two referees by COB Friday, 6 October.



**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION MASS**— Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass at **11am on 1 October** at St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome, especially those who work at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable stages. A simple lunch will be provided afterwards. Enquiries: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

**Catechesis with Fr. Alex** — Every Monday 6:30-8pm at Haydon Hall, food and wine provided. Our next topic will be **Ecumenism and the differences between Christians.**

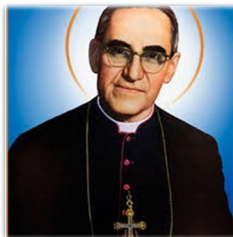
**St Christopher's Cathedral Book Club**— Reading 'Round the Windows: *City of God* by St Augustine of Hippo. Discussion of Books I to VI at Haydon Hall at 6:30pm. Friday 29 September 2023.

**CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH**— is back for Season 3 with the topic of Faith and Public Life. After a wonderful night exploring Catholic Social Teaching with Fr. Tony last week, we will continue next Tuesday 12th September with Knox Peden on the topic of Faith and Professional Life. Join us as we explore the fundamentals of living a good Catholic life in the public spheres from 7-9pm in Haydon Hall.



**RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2023-24 - are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith?** The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is a course for all wishing to deepen their knowledge of the faith, as well as for those preparing for adult Baptism and Confirmation. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm, commencing the first week of October 2023. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or to register.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**Saint Oscar Romero**  
1917-1980

Feast: **24 March**

St Oscar was born in El Salvador and learnt carpentry before becoming a priest. As Archbishop, he fearlessly preached against the civil war and murders occurring in his homeland. In a sermon on 23 March 1980, St Oscar ordered the army to stop killing people. The next day he was shot while celebrating Mass. St Oscar is a martyr - a person who gave his life for his faith in Jesus.



**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**  
1656-1680

Feast: **14 July**

St Kateri is the first Native American canonized Saint. She grew up in the Mohawk tribe, tragically losing her whole family to smallpox at a young age. One day St Kateri met a group of Christian missionaries and truly believed what they taught. This led her to leave her tribe, but St Kateri was known as the 'Lily of the Mohawks' as she never stopped praying for her 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.

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);  
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**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER—YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—** Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>

**EVANGELISATION—** The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry recent document offers a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. Drawing on seminal documents on evangelisation, including from Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. *Evangelisation* can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>

**The Year of the Holy Spirit (Aug 2023-2024) –** From Aug 15. In addition to the Pastoral Letter available on our website, Archbishop Christopher has provided further details & resources, also available on our website - 4 Focus areas & recommended background reading. Intro video: [youtube.com/watch?v=SC3cOLgY\\_wk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC3cOLgY_wk)

**Year of the Holy Spirit: Called and Gifted Workshop—** Discover God's call for your life! Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to respond to God's call. Holy Rosary Watson is hosting a Called and Gifted Workshop led by Clara Geoghegan Wednesday **27 Sept** from **7-8:30pm**. Run over five weeks, please join us as we journey together to discern God's unique mission for each of us. All welcome! Please contact [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) to register or for more information

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**BIBLE STUDY—** St Raphael's, Queanbeyan on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm. Adults from 18 to 40 are welcome. For more information, contact David on 0415286080



## Year of the Holy Spirit

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
Of the Holy Spirit,  
Did instruct the hearts  
Of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in His  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Makayla Saunders, Sophia Saunders, Preston Harrison-Saunders, Harper Harrison-Saunders

**Those to be married:** James Noja & Alia Huberman

**Those who are ill:** Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, Rosa Mustapic, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, 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 Maher, Maria Baliva, Frank Commisso, Basilio Dias, Fr Laurie Beath (brother of Fr Greg Beath), Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Leena Dias (Mother of Fr Norvin Dias),

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

**Responsorial:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us Alleluia!

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

## First Reading

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## Second Reading

**Rom 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## Gospel

**Mt 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

READERS ROSTER AUGUST				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	9/10 Sept	16/17 Sept	9/10 Sept	16/17 Sept
5.00pm (SCC)	Dorilyn Desuyo Ruth Meadows	Crystal Lavien Ruth Meadows		
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Fiona Wheeler	Dione Smith Tarinya Hannedege		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Phil Pocock	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Irene Maranan Jaye Corcoran		
11.00am (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Jacqui Ramesh	Jacqueline Hipwell Bianca Goh	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey
5.00pm (SCC)	Anthony Brierley Francilia Gomes	Solange Pereira Les Buszynski		

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