



Cathedral QR code

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
6 September 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.

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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,

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers! When I first read the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, I was struck by his beautiful reflection on fatherhood. He wrote:

"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. And to be 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..."

Of course, as human fathers (including the spiritual fatherhood of the priesthood) we achieve this ideal to a lesser or greater extent. It is however the perfection we find in God our Father which we seek to emulate, and indeed pray for. God our Father *is ever-present* in the good and the difficult, the high and the low, the affluent times and the Covid times - a true Father, who shares in everything with us, and never leaves our side. Let us pray today in thanksgiving for all fathers – living and deceased, fathers to-be, and father figures. We thank God for the gift of fatherhood, a participation in the Love of God, and we ask grace and strength for all called and gifted with this noble and magnificent vocation.

On August 20th the *Congregation for the Clergy* in Rome released a document titled, ***The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church***. The document reminds us of how the Church by Her nature must be a space for everyone to find their place, while respecting the vocation of each individual. This idea is at the heart of the document, which our own Parish Pastoral Council will study and use as an instrument to grow and encourage our community in these days and beyond.

The document speaks of the parish as a permanent sign of the Risen Jesus in the midst of His people. In this way, it is a beacon of hope, and hope always promises life. The *missionary nature* of the parish as fundamental for evangelisation is also stressed. A living body, spiralling not inward but outward, to a world which seeks Christ in every corner and in every age. Faith can never be privatised. It is precisely within this context that the parish's nature emerges, able to respond to the demands of the times and to adapt itself to bring Christ to all, throughout history, by relying upon the firm rock of the proclamation of the Word of God, the sacramental life, and the witness of charity. Every baptised person must be an active protagonist in this evangelisation, the instruction concludes.

The PPC encourage you to share and study this inspiring and formative letter, which urges the *co-responsibility* of all, in promoting a pastoral care based on closeness, fidelity to what we have received, and the missionary spirit characteristic of the Christian life.

One way to act upon this missionary vocation is in our pray and contribution to the **Plenary Council**. The postponement of the first gathering by 12 months can seem a loss of momentum for many... but copious work continues. In a sense, it might be that we have been gifted this time to refocus the ears of our hearts on the voice of the Holy Spirit. Groups continue to unpack the six discernment papers, published last Pentecost, as well as the *instrumentum laboris* (the working document) of the Council. Leaning on the voices we have heard so far, as well as wisdom from within and beyond the Church, the journey continues. Please see the latest reports and progress information at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/read/>

Once again, *Happy Father's Day to all!* We pray too for all retired priests of our diocese this day. Please consider supporting them in the Annual Father Day Appeal. Envelopes are available in our churches and online options on the CatholicVoice website.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers, as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in their call, to protect those who look to them. May they echo your life giving Fatherhood, as we look to you for love and life, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

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 7 Sep 23rd week in Ordinary Time
Tue 8 Sep The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 9 Sep St Peter Claver
Thu 10 Sep 23rd week in Ordinary Time
Fri 11 Sep 23rd week in Ordinary Time
Sat 12 Sep The Most Holy Name of Mary
Sun 13 Sep 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

Legion of Mary

Mondays 5.45pm, 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—27 Sept**, 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/>

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF OUR RETIRED PRIESTS – On this Father's Day weekend, we remember our Fathers who have served us as parish priests over many years. The *Father Day Appeal* honours and supports those priests who have given years of service to God, and us, his children in our local church. These wonderful men still continue, as health and strength allow, to minister to all of us in Word and Sacrament. Please give generously. Envelopes are in the churches as well as donation options online:



<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/CatholicArchdioceseofCanberra/FathersDayAppeal.html>

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.

A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe is available at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/a-journey-of-discernment-The-Plenary-Council.pdf> or please contact the parish for a hardcopy to be provided to you.

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, the collection has been moved. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land. 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.

New Life in God's Spirit seminar, an opportunity for a deeper encounter with Jesus! Everyone is welcome to this free seminar held at the parish room, St Peter Chanel's Catholic Church, Weston St, Yarralumla each Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Wed. 9 September to Wed. 28 October. Talks, testimonies, prayer ministry and fellowship. Speakers include Fr David Tremble MGL, Fr Emil Milat and Fr Josh Scott, Canberra Central parish, and Roby Joshua, Jesus Youth Australia. For more info and to register, call Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293.

"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.

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

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Selena Marujo

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

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: Lou Westende, 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, Tony Donohoe, Katarina Kish,

Readings of the Day – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *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

Ez 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 Reading

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.’

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	5/6 Sept	12/13 Sept	5/6 Sept	12/13 Sept
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Felicity de Fombelle	Marcelle Disanayake Wanda Kaucz	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Joe Zavone	Philip Pocock Assigned	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Gloria Osborne Colliss Parrett	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Edwina Hyman	Renee George Ceciley Matthews	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebekah O’Meagher Gabrielle Wright	Leeann Galloway Liz Porra	n/a	n/a

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