



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

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15th September 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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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

Construction

A woman was once driving through a long stretch of roadworks. It had it all. Rocks, gravel, tar. 20 zones. 40 zones. Stops and starts. Finally, at the end, a sign read: "End of construction. Thank you for your patience." This woman was Ruth Bell Graham, the wife of TV evangelist Billy Graham. Ruth was so touched by the message she actually requested the words be placed on her headstone. And they were!

As we journey through life more and more we become confronted with the truth of how fragile and dependent we really are. I know I am. And while eye-opening, it's not a bad thing to be reminded of. Yet how often do we try to fake our independence or even 'fix' this apparent weakness?

The fact is, we are sons and daughters, who do not need to try and be our own strength or success, or even fulfil our own meaning. We have a Father, a purpose, a story, a home.

Our lives are made of successes and failures, fulfilment and brokenness. The dizzy heights of joy and consolation. The detours and bumps of disappointment and set-back. Jesus even admits this reality, calling us to take up your cross and follow him, daily. Simply put, you and I are, "under construction"; we are daily in the process of becoming (Eph 4:13). With Isaiah then, we too profess: "For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away." (Isaiah 50:5).

In the Gospel, Peter and the disciples reach a significant moment in their being 'moulded' as Jesus' followers. Jesus asks them, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mk 8:29). This is the Christian Question. It is a question which demands a daily, personal response, and yet it is one which is always founded on the communal reply of the whole Body, the Church. How we answer this question is also important. If Jesus is just some moral teacher, exemplifying the 'good life', then he becomes one among the many. While inspiring, his teachings will not shape us... We may even leave his word behind if a more attractive idea comes along. But if he is God, then everything Jesus says has eternal, life-giving value. What he says, we must do – keeping in mind that following Jesus is a life-long call.

My thoughts turn here to a carving over the north porch of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Chartres, France; a carving mostly hidden from sight – much like the truth it echoes. One almost needs eyes of faith which want to find and see. It depicts Adam (and so, all of us), created as an act of love. This sculpture isn't just great art, but a very effective theology.

Adam lays upon the Eternal Word, upon Jesus' lap – created as a bearer of God's image. Christ's hands, powerful and gentle, form and mould the crown of His creation. You and I. The Christian is one 'under construction' and this takes patience – God is working, not done with us yet

To Jesus' question today, Peter responds, "You are the Christ" – God become flesh. And because of this, Peter is willing to leave behind everything and follow (Mk 8:29). And yet it soon becomes clear that Peter still does not understand what it means to follow Jesus. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mk 8:34). Peter thought he had Jesus all figured out... He didn't. Indeed, even Peter and his faith were still "under construction".

Learning daily what it meant to be a disciple. We are all, a work in progress. Or rather, a masterpiece becoming. I don't write this because it sounds good, but... because it is TRUE. How beautifully similar we are to Peter. And all who have followed Jesus up and down the ages. At times our faith is strong, confident and comforting. At other times, we feel our world and surety has fallen from beneath us. We have days when we fervently follow Jesus, and days when we stumble and fall to things beneath our dignity. Yet we must not forget, that like Peter our faith is under construction – we are a work in progress. Jesus is the Christ, the only one who can lead us through the construction of life – through the detours, curves, and bumps in the road – to his kingdom, where we will one day too hear the words: "End of construction. Thank you for your patience."

Fr Trenton



NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 16 24th Week in Ord. Time
Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Tues Sept 17 24th Week in Ord. Time

Wed Sept 18 24th Week in Ord. Time

Thu. Sept 19 24th Week in Ord. Time

Fri. Sept 20 24th Week in Ord. Time
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & companions

Sat. Sept 21 24th Week in Ord. Time
St Matthew

Sun Sep 22 25th 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: The Parish has been invited to send representatives to participate in this key gathering of the Church in our Archdiocese. The Assembly will focus on celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit, and prayerfully discerning new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church. The Assembly will run from **5pm on Friday 18 October to 12.30pm on Sunday 20 October** here in Canberra. If you are interested in representing the Cathedral Parish, please email cathedral@cg.org.au to express your interest by **Tuesday 24 September**. 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.

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

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.

CatholicPsych Being Human LIVE event— Join Dr. Greg Bottaro live in Canberra for the Being Human Podcast! Connect for a discussion on integrating faith, science, and reason in psychology and mental health. **23 September, 6pm**, Parish of Transfiguration, Curtin. Learn about the CatholicPsych Model and Dr. Greg's book, *The Mindful Catholic*. www.trybooking.com/CUWCJ

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.



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**

Teresa Benedicta Women's House of Prayer

A residence for young adult women, in full-time work or study, interested in their Catholic Faith and participating in the Cathedral Parish. Living individual freedom and commitment to common life of prayer and sorority.

The house is located in Red Hill, has a chapel, garden, kitchen and common area, with five bedrooms.

\$400 per week per person

Expressions of interest to cathedral@cg.org.au



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Women's House of Prayer

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Josephine Gilbourd, Bella Blue

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, Francesco Calabria

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



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Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

READERS ROSTER SEPTEMBER

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	14/15 Sept	21/22 Sept	14/15 Sept	21/22 Sept
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Stewart Unwin	Dorilyn Desuyo Crystal Lavien		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Zvon Seselja Dione Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Fiona Wheeler	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bianca Goh Les Buszynski	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh
5.00pm (SCC)	Anthony Brierley Les Buszynski	Lynette Yap Rebekah O'Meagher		

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