



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



24th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
17th 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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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

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

'Lord, how often must I forgive...?'

Forgiveness is one of the hardest teachings of Christianity, yet perhaps the most essential. To forgive, is to love. St Paul writes to the Corinthians: 'Love keeps no record of rights and wrongs...' (1 Cor 13:5).

Now all of this is well and good, but if you've ever really been hurt, you'll know that forgiveness is one of the most difficult, most radical things one can offer another – and I stress 'offer', because forgiveness is not always something that the other *wants* to receive. And that's ok too. The Christian can and must still forgive.

In fact the seriousness of forgiving others is so clear, that at the centre of the Our Father we pray: 'Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

But don't ever think you're alone – a lot of people struggle to forgive. And for this reason it is important to reflect upon what forgiveness really means in our Christian faith.

To begin, forgiveness does not mean that you are no longer hurt, nor that you now need to have a relationship with the one who has hurt you, like before. These false ideas can trap us.

Many incorrectly believe that forgiveness means: 'It's ok... I don't feel bad anymore.' I 'feel' I have forgiven them. But really, you don't need to feel anything; because forgiveness is not a feeling – but a decision. It can be accompanied by feelings and when it is, that's great! ...but it *can't* be reduced to them. You don't need to be past the hurt, in order to forgive – otherwise we would all be stuck.

Forgiveness also, does not mean you need to trust the person again. In fact quite often a person has demonstrated that you should not trust them! And in some cases, to trust them again would be more foolish than forgiving.

Think of forgiveness in terms of justice. Justice is what I owe another person. Or what another owes me. So when it comes to forgiving another, you are saying: 'I am not going to make you pay me back – what you owe me!' 'I am not going to demand back from you, what you have unjustly taken from me'.

Jesus tells a parable about a King who has a servant owing him an incredible amount. In fact, more than could ever be paid back. The servant begs for forgiveness and the master "releases him from his debt." This same servant then goes out and sees a man who owes him a significantly smaller portion. And what does he do? He grabs him by the throat and throttles him: "pay me what you owe me!"

Here are the two different perspectives. "I release you from your debt" – that is forgiveness. And the other who obstinately refuses. But it has to be coupled with justice. I know what you owe me, and I chose to wave it.

We too can ask ourselves the question: what does a person owe me? Perhaps they've owed me for years. Well they've hurt me – they've cost me trust, reputation and even joy! Their actions have influenced by relationships, the way I see myself... etc... And the second thing is to say – "I am not going to demand they pay me back."

Such a decision takes great courage and grace. And while freeing, with deep hurts, it can be very difficult. The biggest thing forgiveness does – is allows us to move forward. We're not left anchoring ourselves by holding someone by the throat.

Jesus is the archetype of this forgiveness, and teaches Peter in the Gospel today, to learn to do the same.

What make us most like God? We can't heal, we can't create out of nothing... but what we can do... what we do possess, making us most like God – is our power to forgive.

Fr Trenton.

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA
Miss Becky Langworthy
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 18 24th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Sept 19 24th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Sept 20 24th Week in Ord. Time
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & companions
Thu. Sept 21 24th Week in Ord. Time
St Matthew
Fri. Sept 22 24th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Sept 23 24th Week in Ord. Time
St Pius
Sun Sept 24 25th 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.**

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. To apply for the positions, please send a short email to 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! A simple lunch will be provided afterwards. Enquiries: Lara Kirk 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 **Romance & Rome**

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.

NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY— The Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey. Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>
Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com



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.

ALL SAINTS PARTY!—Dress up as your favourite Saint and join us to celebrate All Saints at the Cathedral! There will be activities for all the family and a costume competition. Sunday 5 November after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall. Please register for free tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLJJ>

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop
1842– 1909
Feast: 8 August

St Mary grew up in Melbourne, before moving to South Australia to help educate her cousins. She began to also educate the local poor children with the support of her Parish Priest, Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, an Order committed to service, prayer, and teaching. St Mary is Australia's first canonized Saint.



Saint Andrew Kim Taegon
1821—1846
Feast: 20 September

The son of Christian converts, St Andrew Kim was baptised at the age of 15. He studied in the Philippines and at a seminary in Macau, and in 1844 became the first Korean to be ordained to the priesthood. He then returned to Korea to preach and evangelise, knowing this carried great risk of persecution. St Andrew Kim was martyred in 1846, and was canonized alongside 102 other Korean martyrs.

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: FORREST & 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! instructions, visit cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

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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>

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.** Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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 to register or for more information

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.

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

Parish Welcomers— The Cathedral Parish is seeking volunteers who would like to help out once or twice a month welcoming fellow parishioners to Mass at the Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 8am or 5pm Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAAYER 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: Edward Cole, Aurelia Dal Cortivo

Those to be married: Elie Maatouk & Stephanie Savvoudiou

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, Fernando Antonelli

Recently Deceased: Anton Sampath, Michael Miley, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Prof. David Sim, 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: 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: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

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

First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbor the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbor ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Second Reading

Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

READERS ROSTER AUGUST

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	16/17 Sept	23/24 Sept	16/17 Sept	23/24 Sept	
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Ruth Meadows	Becky Langworthy Samantha Hazlett			
6.00pm (SPC)	Dione Smith Tarinya Hannedege	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege			
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Zvon Seslja Marcus Smith			
9.30am (SPC)	Irene Maranan Jaye Corcoran	Marcelle Disanayake Raphael Molu			
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Les Buszynski Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey		Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Solange Pereira Les Buszynski	Lynette Yap Anthony Brierley			

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