



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

25th Sunday, Ordinary
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18th September 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Alexander Osborne



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023



PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

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
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

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

Thursday: 10.00am
Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

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

Slavery and Freedom

Are you a slave, who owns you?

It is a confronting questions isn't it? I think we all want to say that we are free and true individuals who make our own decisions. However, such people are extraordinarily rare, perhaps even mythical.

We are all slaves to something. The greedy man is just as much a slave as the poor. It's something written into the human heart that we crave things outside of ourselves, we find ourselves all too easily enslaved.

We can tell if we are enslaved to something by how it affects our decisions. The prophet Amos denounces those who complain and wait for the religious festivals to be over so that they can sell their crops— such people have their hearts set on their wallets and not on heaven.

Likewise, St. Paul encourages the church to pray for all people especially leaders and others in authority. This command to pray for those in authority is a real challenge to some on those who oppose them—does a man who cannot pray for the good of his enemy have his heart on God? Or has he become a slave to politics or ideology.

Jesus bluntly tells us that we cannot serve two masters; we cannot be the slave of God and of money. Serving money, or politics, or anything else will eventually turn our hearts against God. No better examples of this is found than in Judas, who we presume heard this same warning from Jesus' lips and yet went on to betray him for thirty pieces of silver. How can we find liberty? Even if we are freed from bondage to another person, we end up being slaves to own desires and comforts. (Just ask anyone who over indulged during lockdown).

We cannot escape our human condition, if it is written into our hearts that we must be enslaved, let us be slaves of God. For God is more merciful than mankind, more satisfying than the world, more loving than romance. We may not find total freedom, but we can find a loving Father.

Fr Alex



PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 19 25th week of Ord. Time

Tues Sept 20 25th week of Ord. Time
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Wed. Sept 21 25th week of Ord. Time
St Matthew the Apostle

Thurs. Sept 22 25th week of Ord. Time

Fri. Sept 23 25th week of Ord. Time
St Pius

Sat. Sept 24 25th week of Ord. Time

Sun. Sept 25 26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

PARISH GROUPS

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm
(Haydon Hall)

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.

PLEASE NOTE—Thursday 22 September, St Christopher's Cathedral will follow the public holiday mass times 9am and 12:15pm.

2022 FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – The *Clergy Retirement Foundation* supports 28 retired priests of our Archdiocese. This Appeal raises funds to meet the needs of these priests and give security in their retirement years. Please prayerfully consider giving a generous gift today. You can make a tax-deductible donation: by envelopes inside church entrances, by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or calling (02) 6239 9801. Thank you for your overwhelming support of our retired priests.



BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022/23 - *Respect: Confronting Violence & Abuse Statement & Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Release* see our website.

2022 SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Eucharist classes start 18 Oct for 13 November. Enroll at cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx or contact the office.

REOPENING & BLESSING MASS FOR Ss Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn.

The Old Cathedral celebrates its 150th Anniversary in November and we are delighted that she has undergone significant restoration in time for us to celebrate this anniversary. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher and the new altar blessed at 11am on Wednesday 30th November. The restoration project was commenced 40 years ago by Fr Laurie Blake. Reserve your free seat by searching trybooking.com Ss Peter and Paul Old Cathedral.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION – Seeking Expressions of Interest. The Archbishop seeks to appoint 2 new members from 2023 & further members from mid-2023. Enquiries and Expressions of Interest should be directed to the Commission's Chair, Dr Patrick McArdle, patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au. Closing Date: Friday 14 October 2022.

RCIA 2022-23 – Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith? The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is an easy to understand course to deepen knowledge of the faith, as well as prepare for adult Baptism and Confirmation. Contact the parish. Gatherings begin first week of **October**, 6pm, Thursdays.

ECUMENICAL TREE PLANTING — Archbishop Christopher, Greek Orthodox Bishop Bartholomew & other faith communities will gather to mark the end of *Season of Creation*. St Peter Chanel's, 2 Loch Street, Yarralumla. 10:30am for 10:45am, 4th Oct (Feast of St Francis). Small gathering to follow in the parish centre. All welcome

"UNDER THE STARS"- CHARITY EVENT- Meet other young Catholics (18-40) & support Good Shepherd Seminary by attending the *Under the Stars* Charity Event. Held Saturday 8 October 6:30-9:30pm at East Hotel Kingston! Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY>) Follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details. Any questions, email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com.

FEMININE GENIUS - 14-16 October 2022, Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa Catholic women, ages 18-35, single or married, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, reflecting on the dignity and vocation of women, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. Accommodation and meals included in the retreat fee. (Single room: \$340; Shared room: \$250; please speak to the sisters if financial assistance is needed). To register please email sydney@op-tn.org

POSITION VACCANT AT MARIST COLLEGE- The Marist College Mission Team has a vacancy for a part-time Administrative Assistant from Term 4, 2022. Further details can be found on the College website <https://www.maristc.act.edu.au/our-college/employment>

OTHER NEWS

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 cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue. Face masks encouraged during liturgies. Thank you for your continued efforts

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

"CREATED AND LOVED" - Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - guide on gender and identity, to assist Catholic schools in responding to the individual needs of their students. *Created and Loved*, is grounded in Christian anthropology, and available on our parish website or at bit.ly/CreatedandLoved

PARISH READING GROUP – You are invited to join a Reading Group “Many Gifts - One Spirit: Living our vocations and callings in the Church and in the World today”. Wed Evenings 7:30pm (1st & 3rd of month). Contact 0401 994 081

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

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.

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT – “Conversations of the Heart” - with Sr Lorraine Cupitt. Reflect on God’s action and grace in your daily routine. 27 year in Adult Spirituality and Accompaniment. Contact Sr Lorraine. Lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com

PALMS AUSTRALIA – a Mission opportunity abroad in one of a number of Asia-Pacific countries. Live in with Catholic communities. 0422 742 567 and register for our Webinar, 11.30am, Sat, 24 Sept.

CURSILLO – an international lay-based faith formation movement which provides a practical approach to enliven our faith lives. As well as annual *Cursillo* weekends, we offer small group meetings for prayer and study. Contact Michael, michaelderadt@gmail.com for more details.

PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING— 5 day course: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. Two courses on offer: Sept 21 to Oct 19, 2022 and Feb 15-Mar 15 2023, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan; cost \$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Andre Stewart, Olivia Fletcher, Archie Phelan, Julian Grima

Those to be married: Oscar Magpayo & Youngju Lee, _Rose Tarzia & Michael Patron

Those who are ill: Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Phil Pocock, Sophy, Medardo Balmaceda, Sally Barber, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, 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, Etienne Dacid

Recently Deceased: Donatella Magro, Vittorio D’Ambrosio, Kieran O’Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adrienne Brown, Frances Monica Beattie (Wellach-Smith), Claudine Radjam, Luke Koay, Tony Corkeron, Stephen Brooks, Claudine Ignace, Tobias Barry, Ros Allen, Fred Thorpe, Bruce Lotton



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

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

First Reading

Am 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13 (Shorter version Lk 16:10-13)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.” ‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Mass	17/18 Sept	24/25 Sept	17/18 Sept	24/25 Sept
5.00pm (SCC)	Kristina Faigl Stewart Unwin	Stewart Unwin Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler		
8.00am (SCC)	Beck Langworthy Phil Pocock	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Volunteer	
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Marcelle Disanayake	St Bede’s Children Liturgy		
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Mark Hyman	Jacqui Ramesh Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Francilia Gomes	Rebekah O’Meagher Lynette Yap		

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