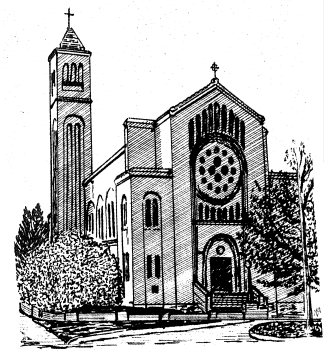


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

25th Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year A  
24th September 2023

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



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

## 109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MESSAGE

### "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"

In this year's World Day for Migrants and Refugees Message, Pope Francis focuses on the theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay." In the message he points out that for a healthy society there should always be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land." Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated. The Pope insists that we should always be "ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern."

We don't often reflect on this given our current understanding of refugees, but the Pope reminds us, once again, that there are Biblical examples of refugees. We think first of all of the experiences of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Pope notes, "The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision." He then insists that, "The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not." He reminds us of St John Paul II who stated that there should be a real commitment "to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country."

The other example given in the Pope's message is the flight of Jacob and all his offspring with him (Gen 46:6). Due to a grave famine in their land of origin, it necessitated them "to seek refuge in Egypt, where his son Joseph ensured their survival." We are all aware that "Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation." The Pope makes the very important point that the country of origin must make a commitment which "begins with asking what we can do, but also what we need to stop doing." He cites the example of "the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people's resources and the devastation of our common home."

For migration to be truly a choice that is free, "efforts must be made to ensure to everyone an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development." In anticipating the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis recalls the important dimension of jubilee years as "an act of collective justice." Here people are able to return to their places of origin with the intention of "the cancellation of all debts, restoration of the land, and an opportunity once more to enjoy the freedom proper to the members of the People of God." In other words the right not to be forced to immigrate is "the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's own country."

The Pope concludes his reflection by reminding us again that "the migrant is not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door." We are to construct "bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration."

### Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Chairman, Bishops Commission for Evangelisation,  
Laity and Ministry



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# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music**  
*Ms Jaki Kane*

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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 25 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Tues Sept 26 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Wed Sept 27 25th Week in Ord. Time  
St Vincent de Paul  
Thu. Sept 28 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Fri. Sept 29 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael  
Sat. Sept 30 25th Week in Ord. Time  
St Jerome  
Sun Oct 1 26th 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](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! A simple lunch will be provided afterwards in the Haydon Hall. RSVP for luncheon at [www.cgatholic.org.au/respect-life/](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/respect-life/) Enquiries: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) / 0429 192 869

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

**Reading 'Round the Windows – St Christopher's Cathedral Book Club:** Join us this week for our discussion of *City of God* by St Augustine of Hippo. Please feel free to join us, no requirement to have read the book. See you at **Haydon Hall** at **6:30pm** on **Friday 29 September** to discuss Books I to VI.

**2023 ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION** — This year, the Marian Procession will take place at the restored and rededicated Sts Peter & Paul Old Cathedral, Goulburn **Sunday 22 October**. 10AM-3PM. 10am Morning Tea | 10:30am Sacrament of Penance + Children's Activities|12pm Mass | 1pm BBQ Lunch | 1:30pm Cathedral Guided Tour| 2:00 pm Rosary

**Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House.** Thursday **5 October** at **6pm**. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

**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 Francis of Assisi**  
1182-1226  
**Feast: 4 October**

St Francis was a soldier born into a noble family, but he gave up everything and devoted his life to Christ after hearing God's call in a homily. St Francis went on to establish the Franciscan Order and famously loved nature—he was said to tame wild animals and preach to the birds. St Francis set up the first known Christmas Nativity scene in 1220



**Saint Clare of Assisi**  
1194-1253  
**Feast: 11 August**

St Clare was a friend of St Francis, and he helped her to hear God's voice and call in her life. St Clare decided to devote her whole life to Christ, so at 18 she left her family to become a nun. St Clare founded the Order of the Poor Ladies, later the Order of St Clare, known for their dedication to poverty, austerity, and seclusion from the world.

# 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 [cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/](http://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**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](http://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)

**CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT—** Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit [caretaxi.com.au](http://caretaxi.com.au), or 0451 734 334.

**Volunteer(s) for Calvary Haydon Aged Care—** If you would like to assist in supporting senior citizens at the Bruce Calvary Aged Care please contact 0402065936. This can include praying with or assisting with daily activities. A WWVP card, a current Police Check, and being up to date with vaccinations will be required.

**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

### 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:** Evelyn Balachandran, Jax Coggan

**Those to be married:** Annalyse Betts and Nathan Pennetta

**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:** Ethel Lee, Francesco Calabria, Domenico Mico, 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



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**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 forever.

**Responsorial:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

See the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Second Reading**

**Phil 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Gospel**

**Mt 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

**READERS ROSTER SEPTEMBER**

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	23/24 Sept	30 Sept / 1 Oct	23/24	30 Sept / 1 Oct	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Samantha Hazlett	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege	Dione Smith Fiona Wheeler			
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Zvon Seselja			
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Raphael Molu	Raphael Molu Damien Balachandran			
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Bianca Goh	Bronwen Grey Cecilia Flores	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway		Volunteers
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Anthony Brierley	Francilia Gomes Jacob Madden			

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