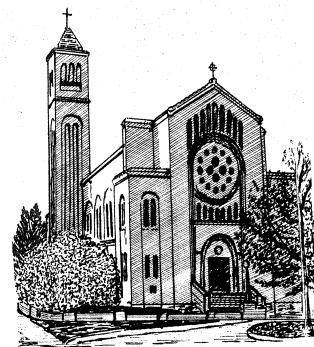


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

25th Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year B  
22nd September 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
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Come, Holy Spirit

Archdiocesan Assembly

18 - 20 October 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 (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

## Confronting and Purifying our Desires

St. James the Apostle makes a bold claim in our second reading, "Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires." Here is an answer to why our prayers often feel like they're unheard, however this is not the easiest answer for us to accept. We worry that it is a simplistic answer for a complex problem. We worry that it might paint a picture of God as being harsh – that He lets people suffer and does not help until they ask Him to. That picture of God doesn't square with the Jesus we see in the Gospels. However, it is a good reminder for us to pray.

St. James is speaking about desire. So much of our spiritual life hinges on our desires – We need to confront and purify our desires.

St. James tells us to pray for the things you want. If you're embarrassed to pray for the things you want, maybe it's a sign that you want something improper or maybe there's a better way to look at these desires.

Think about what you want – do you want your children to be quiet, is that not a desire for peace and a calm mind?

Do you want a supermodel to fall in love with you, and shower you with attention and bliss. Isn't that a desire for belonging, for love, for fulfilment?

You want a million dollars, so do I, do we desire wealth? Or do we simply desire freedom from poverty and its concerns?

God's answer does not always look like our question. Usually we will desire something good, but not always in a good way.

God knows what we truly need.

We must become like patients who need to understand a diagnosis before they understand how the medicine will cure them. We need to examine what we want.

St. James rightly says that this is the cause of so much wickedness in the world – these wrong desires. One nation desires security, so it robs another nation of theirs. One man desires wealth, so he takes someone else's wealth. A man desires not to work, so he makes someone else do his work. Those who don't confront their desires will become slaves to them.

Our desires are the cause of so much mess, but they are also the key to correction. If we want to change the world we must begin by confronting and purifying our desires.

Fr. Alex



# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Sept 23 25th Week in Ord. Time  
St Pius  
Tues Sept 24 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Wed Sept 25 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Thu. Sept 26 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Fri. Sept 27 25th Week in Ord. Time  
St Vincent de Paul  
Sat. Sept 28 25th Week in Ord. Time  
Sun Sep 29 26th 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](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) to express your interest by **Tuesday 24 September**. For more information, visit [cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://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.

**Fr Brian Ebert** passed away on Sunday 15th September 2024 at Canberra Hospital after a long battle with his health. His funeral will be held at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3 Strangways St, Curtin, ACT** on **Monday 23 September 2024 at 11am**. May eternal rest and peace be his, now and forever.

**APOLOGETICS WITH FR ALEX**— **30th 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 explore when to argue and when not to argue.

**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](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**Theology of the Body in the Upper Room**—CG youth, Disciples of Jesus and the Cathedral parish are collaborating to host a weekly five-part Theology of the Body experience for young adults! For five nights across 5 weeks with music, testimonies, guest speakers and so much more. Join 50 other young adults, starting on **Tuesday 15 October** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Public Bar, Manuka. Email Anita at [youth.cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:youth.cathedral@cg.org.au) for any inquiries. Register at <https://forms.gle/NxGKa4dZdBF5xuzR8>

**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](mailto:restore.network.cbr@gmail.com) Registrations via [Eventbrite Link](#)



**Sunday 29 September Respect Life Sunday** Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Respect Life Sunday at the 11am Cathedral Mass followed by a Light Luncheon and Expo of groups supporting and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable. All welcome. Contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

**ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY**— Save the Date for the upcoming annual All Saints Day Party. Sunday **3 November 2024**. There will be activities for all the family and a costume competition after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall.



# 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**

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**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!

**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.

**CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** - *Preise, Jerusalem, den Herrn!...Return from Leipzig.* Come and enjoy four stupendous Bach thanksgiving **Cantatas BWV 119, 148, 192 & 137** on **Saturday 5 October at 7.30pm**, and **Sunday 6 October at 2.00pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral, For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

## **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](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)



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Women's House of Prayer

### **We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Adanna Ondieki & Luca Assogna-Gryniewicz

**Those to be married:** Daisee Campisi & Michael Scarfone

**Those who are ill:** Ana Potrebica, 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, Guerino Belmonte, Rina Valentini, Robert Lepore, James Soo

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Brian Ebert, Anna Vincent, Domenica Velona, Salvatore Alba, Lawrence Saha, Pauline Taffa, John O'Kane, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, Jim Rogers, Brian Tozer, Judy McBrien, Jaroslaw Jakiwicz, Fr Peter James Gannon, Kath Brandon, Fr Pat Kenna, Emilia Belmonte



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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 for ever.

**Responsorial:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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

**First Reading**

**Wis 2:12, 17-20**

The godless say to themselves, ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after— we have his word for it.’

**Second Reading**

**James 3:16-4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**READERS ROSTER SEPTEMBER**

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	21/22 Sept	28/29 Sept	21/22 Sept	28/29 Sept
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Crystal Lavien	Jacob Madden Dorilyn Desuyo		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Dione Smith Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Les Buszynski	Steven Beutel Cecilia Flores	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Rebekah O’Meagher	Anthony Brierley Liz Porra		

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