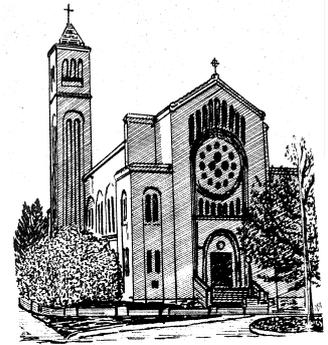




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St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
27 September 2020

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias

**Masses will be offered
with a maximum of 100
people present until
further notice.**

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

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: 9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am
Adoration): Anointing Mass first
Thursday of the 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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

In today's parable, two kinds of people are described; both are imperfect and unworthy but the one who obeyed finally is better than the first one. The First one promises little but performs better. Though he is apparently hard-hearted, he is ultimately generous. The second person professes one thing and does another and his promise is nothing but lip service. However, some people are outwardly irreligious but they are closer to God than those who are 'God-fearing'. The truly good person practices what he professes. His deeds conform to his words. Primarily Jesus addressed this parable to the chosen people of God, the Israelites. They said 'Yes' to God's covenant but they did not keep their word, whereas the tax-collectors and sinners knew they were on the wrong path but tried to reform their ways to obey God. Thus, what is important is repentance, conversion and change of heart. These things lead to God's kingdom. As Jesus says that 'no' need not be the final answer. We must rather learn to say 'yes' to others and to God. But do we really say 'yes' to the downtrodden, sinners and those who are in need? Do we say 'yes' to ourselves in carrying out our responsibilities in obedience to God? Of course, sometimes we are failed, and we need an inner conversion, so that we may come out from our 'no' to 'yes' to the heavenly Father. For that, we need a spiritual renewal, repentance and conversion of heart. Our attitude must be that of Jesus Christ who emptied himself for our sins, saying 'yes' to God even unto death, death on the cross. Therefore, if we want say 'Yes' to the Will of God, then we need to show our inner conversion and person renewal. At the end our inner conversion and person renewal alone can bring about a renewal in the Church, in our society and in this world.



Fr Norvin Dias

PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION
'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch

Contact office to register your interest for next RCIA program.

School of Religion

See details below

Youth Minister—Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 28 Sep St Wenceslaus, St Laurence
Ruiz & Companions
Tue 29 Sep Sts Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael, Archangels
Wed 30 Sep St Jerome
Thu 1 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3 Oct Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 4 Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary
time

Legion of Mary

Thursdays, 5pm, Crypt
Contact: 0431 060 556

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and
combatting social injustice in our
community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
Sundays, 8.45am SPC

Young Adults Bible Study

Thursday 6.30pm, Hayden Hall
chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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

Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

Permanent livestreaming cameras have been installed at the Cathedral for the 11am Mass. There may be occasions when the congregation is filmed as part of the livestreaming.

No 5pm Vigil Mass on 10 October 2020 due to a prior Wedding booking made before this Mass time was established. Please attend our parish Mass at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla at 6pm.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic? Are you baptised Catholic, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA is the process through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. Contact the Cathedral Office to express your interest or for any other enquiries. Sessions will begin soon.

Notice about Covid-19 Restrictions: Thank you too all who have consistently adhered to the Covid-19 protocols in our parish and Archdiocese. We are enabled to continue our prayer and worship because of your care and attention to this. Please ensure you continue to **sanitise your hands frequently** and **wipe your pew upon exiting**.

Weekend Mass sign in sheets—please ensure that when signing in for Mass, there is **only one name per line**. Please do not write for example: *Smith* x3. It is crucial that we only have the designated 100 people in the Cathedral at any one time, abiding by the 1.5 meter rule. Sheets are marked with 100 places to ensure this is achieved. Thanks for all you are doing in these days.

Weekend Collections: Parish collection stations receive Planned Giving envelopes and all other offerings. We continue to offer **Tap & Go PayWave machines**. Just tap your debit or credit card. You can also download the **Qkr! App** to select directly where your donations go, incl. archdiocesan missions. Please contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or monthly Credit Card deductions for both collections – or, contact us with any questions. Thanks for your generous support!

St Peter Chanel's garden refurbishment – coming together in a community project—During last year's heatwave and drought, it became obvious to those parishioners who were watering the garden that more plants were dead than alive. The church grounds look neglected. So we have enlisted the services of a landscape architect (Paul Barisic-Bentley, former St Peter Chanel's student) who has drawn up a simple, attractive garden plan (displayed near the church entrance) that should be easy to maintain (this plan has been financed by a parishioner). Pending further consultation with Fr Trenton and parish finance committee, our garden revamp can begin in a few weeks. We welcome your support, either financially (\$ donation or sponsor a crepe myrtle tree) and/or with your physical on-the-ground help over the coming few months. This can be a great community muster, and we need to know of your interest and possible input before we proceed. Covid self-distancing will be required. Please be in touch with any of us, and thanks for considering this request. Contact: Katherine & Mick Roche (0400 066 408); Barbara Belcher (0418 495 464); Susan & Rod Page (0401 731 918).

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:
www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact
Parish office 6239 9846.

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM RECOMMENCING

Confirmation (yr 5 & 6 children): classes start Mon, 12 Oct 2020, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation Mass will occur on Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 6pm.

This program is for children who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More info. & Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Explorers Primary Age Youth Group: Sunday's at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's our Primary youth group **Young Adventurers**, will gather at SPC before 9:30am Mass. Next meeting: 27 Sept (then next meeting 11 Oct after school holidays).

Young adults and professionals: **Young Adults Brunch—27 Sept**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

NEW PROTOCOLS - Please familiarize yourself with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, **only 100 people** are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. NB: Families can sit together.
- Please use the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided at entrances.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.

Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion. Blue squares on the tiles mark this distance. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe is available at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/a-journey-of-discernment-The-Plenary-Council.pdf> or please contact the parish for a hardcopy to be provided to you.

Vinnies Covid-19 Appeal: Vinnies will not be holding a winter appeal in 2020. Instead, we are encouraged to donate to the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can donate online at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/covid-19-emergency-appeal or by calling 13 18 12. Vinnies Canberra Night Patrol is also seeking donations of warm items- blankets, jackets, new socks. You can donate at any of the Vinnies shops.

Isolation from COVID-19 has only exacerbated the already huge issue of mental health. Among other issues, loneliness is a foundational experience of so many. This year's **Social Statement of the Australian Bishops is titled: "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today"** and can be found on Australian Bishops Conference website: www.catholic.org.au

Praying for Vocations: Every Friday: Evening Prayer and Adoration, Mary Help of Christians, Pearce 5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. First Wednesday: Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m. First Friday: Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

World Mission Sunday—18 Oct. This year's Mission Sunday Appeal is for the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia, which supports through education, vocational training and health support, children & youth with disabilities. More information to follow.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), arranges Mass stipends to be sent to poor priest overseas. In many regions, the Christian faithful are so poor they cannot support their priests and so Mass stipends are often a priest's means of material support. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. To arrange Mass offerings please visit www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests or call 1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

Vinnies Election Statement—In the lead up to the ACT Election, the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn has released their '2020 Vinnies Election Statement' outlining their priorities for the next ACT Government. With over 1500 people experiencing homelessness in the ACT, and community housing at breaking point, Vinnies is committed to advocating for systemic change to combat poverty and homelessness. The full statement may be accessed on <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Sylvester Ciccarone; Olivia Potts

Those who are ill: Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Muriel Morgan, Paul Mychailuk

Anniversaries of death: Antonio Torres Hidalgo, John Francis Thompson, Baby 'Angel' Thompson, Tom Brennan, Allan Biggs, 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

Recently Deceased: Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims, Tom Hallahan, Effie McKeogh, Carmel MacDonagh, Michael Somes, David Clark, Robert Somes, Dante

Readings of the Day – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

First Reading

Ez 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Second Reading

Phil 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	26/27 Sept	3/4 Oct	26/27 Sept	3/4 Oct
5.00pm (SCC)		Scott Pobihun Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Geraldene Ford	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Mineke Peerboom Phillip Pocock	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Wanda Kaucz Colliss Parrett	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ceciley Matthews Gabrielle Wright	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Jacob Madden	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	n/a	n/a

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