

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

26th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
1st October 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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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

CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RESPECT FOR LIFE

St. Paul implores us: "if our faith in Christ means anything to you ... be united in your convictions, be united in your love, have a common purpose and a common mind." This common purpose and mind we are told is to be the same as Christ.

This must be our starting point for all moral decisions.

We have to think: what would Christ want me to do. Rather than: what is easiest for me, what will make other people happy, what will be the most favourable outcome for me. This is the way that the world thinks. It is hard for us to avoid those ways of thinking when we are surrounded by them. But we can't give in, St Paul tells us, "if your faith in Christ means anything to you..." what does it say about us if we know what God wants us to do, but we feel as though it's easier or more worthwhile to do as we please or as we think someone else wants us to act?

If we have faith it is hollow unless we act on it, our faith is empty if it doesn't challenge us to live a more godly life.

Today is Respect for Life Sunday. We reflect upon the Church's teachings, given to her by Christ, and try our best to live them out.

The Church teaches that all human life is sacred. Every person has been created in the image and likeness of God, likewise our Lord has offered his life for the salvation of every person. We thus have a divine responsibility to value and protect human life.

The measure of a life is not utility or wealth, but is given by God. Every person, no matter how poor, how sick, how young, how elderly, how sad or depressed, is of more value than we can possibly comprehend. It is our Christian duty to serve them in this life.

God alone is the author of all life. He alone is the one who can judge its worth. On this Sunday let us pray that our faith will lead us to help our brothers and sisters, that we might become a community built on mutual love and respect for life.

Fr. Alex

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



October 1st 2023

St Christopher's Cathedral

11am Mass: celebrated by Archbishop Christopher

12pm light luncheon & brief presentations by those working & advocating for human life at its most vulnerable stages.

Register (free)

for luncheon at:



HOPE
Promoting the Dignity of Human Life

First Steps

ACT
Right to Life

Enquiries: Lara Kirk
lara.kirk@cg.org.au
0429 192 869

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Mr Andre Le
youth.cathedral@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Oct 2 26th Week in Ord. Time
Holy Guardian Angels
Tues Oct 3 26th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Oct 4 26th Week in Ord. Time
St Francis of Assisi
Thu. Oct 5 26th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Oct 6 26th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Oct 7 26th Week in Ord. Time
Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun Oct 8 27th 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.**

THE YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - Discerning the Gifts given to us for the service of others - a parish 'circle' will gather for a time of prayer and reflection in the Haydon Hall on Wednesday October 11 @ 6pm, in this *Year of the Holy Spirit* - to listen and discover where the Holy Spirit is moving within us and our parish. All parishioners are welcome to join.

TAP MACHINES— Please be aware, all tap machines in the Cathedral and at St Peter Chanel's may be out of use and unavailable over this weekend. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL STATEMENT— on Synod on Synodality and the Voice Referendum is available at both Church entrances.

Catechesis with Fr. Alex — Every Monday 6:30-8pm at Haydon Hall, food and wine provided. Our next topic will be on **Funerals— what they show us about the purpose of life.**

DIACONATE ORIDINATION— With thanksgiving, you are invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Seminarian Mark Ha on **Friday 3rd November, 2023, 5:00pm**, at St Christopher's Cathedral.

CANBERRA CATHOLIC BALL!— Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Pregnancy Crisis Centres by attending the *James Bond Catholic Ball*. Saturday **4 November, 7-11:30pm** at the **Southern Cross Club Woden!** Tickets are \$85 and include a 4 hour drinks package and canapes. Tickets can be purchased on <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023>. Follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details and other young Catholic activities. If you have any questions, please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!!

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!— Join us to celebrate All Saints at the Cathedral! Children are invited to dress up as their favourite Saint. There will be activities for all the family and a costume competition. **Now on Sunday 29 October** after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall. Please register for free tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLJJ>

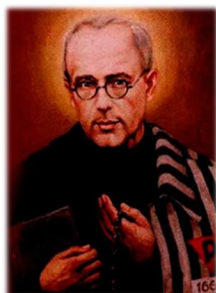
SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
1873-1897

Feast: 1 October

St Thérèse was the youngest of nine children and had a close relationship with Jesus from a very young age. She wondered how she could do great things for Him when she was so little. God helped St Thérèse to understand that everyone, no matter how little, could surrender everything to Him in a big way. St Thérèse became a Carmelite nun and shared her 'little way' with the world in her memoir.



Saint Maximilian Kolbe
1894—1941

Feast: 14 August

St Maximilian was a priest devoted to our Blessed Mother and spreading the Word of God. He established the Immaculata Movement, forming a community in Poland and travelling to Japan and India. During World War II, St Maximilian returned to Poland, hiding people from the Nazis, and maintaining an underground radio station witnessing to Christ. St Maximilian was sent to a concentration camp, where he volunteered to die in the place of another prisoner.

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/

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>

Synod of Bishops: Methodology, Media coverage & more Resources - For those of you interested in following along with the Synodal process. Please see the below links:
Aus Synodal Church: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch & on the official website for the Synod 2021-2024: synod.va/en.html

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.

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.**

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 0414 523 036.

Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Canberra and Goulburn

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Archdiocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Archbishop and promotes the work of Caritas Australia within the Archdiocese through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes. This is a flexible, casual role averaging 7.5 hours per week across the year, with more hours required during the Project Compassion appeal (Feb- May). Scan the QR code for more information. Questions and applications directed to Chris Nolan at chris.nolan@caritas.org.au or 0429 368 855.



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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: Remy Bedogni

Those to be married: Caitlin Meany & Brett Waslin

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: Victor Res, William Patrick Boyle, Dorothy Whitfield, William Slanislaw James Duffy, Millie & Dick Millwood, Alice Campbell, Phyllis Regazzi, Baby Lillianna Fulop, Kathleen Scott, Annie Kelly, Mick Enderby, Kath McIntosh, Guerino Belmonte, Raymond Fry, Stanley Marris, Tony Quinn, Agostino Luongo, Joy Swinney, Lino Farronato, Hilaron and Anita Pahate, Medardo Balmaceda, Veneranda Balneg, Jack Kenny

Recently Deceased: Pamela Rotmwell, Norma May, 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



Cathedral QR code

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

Responsorial: 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

Ezekiel 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 he equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and because 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

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.’

READERS ROSTER OCTOBER				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	30 Sept / 1 Oct	7/8 Oct	30 Sept / 1 Oct	7/8 Oct
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Jacob Madden Dorilyn Desuyo		
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Zvon Seselja	Becky Langworthy Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Damien Balachandran	Jay Corcoran Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Cecilia Flores	Bianca Goh Leeann Galloway	Volunteers	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Jacob Madden	Lynette Yap Solange Pereira		

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