

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
26 Sept 2021

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



St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
are currently
closed due to
ACT ockdown.



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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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

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

107th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"

Pope Francis' Message for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 is that we ought to work 'Towards an ever wider "WE"'. He writes: 'We are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all of humanity.'

He goes on to say: "...we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached."

Reflecting on this, I recall one of the initial shocks I received as a newly ordained priest. I started to visit parishioners extensively in their homes. The shock was to realise how many had not become real friends with their neighbours. It seemed that life for them was simply themselves and their visiting families and friends. It did not really include in a significant way their neighbours. It was an "I" rather than a "we" mindset.

This fact became embarrassing when it became clear that one of the people on our parish social justice group was in this category. Yet the issues of this group included migrants and refugees policies in Australia.

We can take a national and international perspective on migrants and refugees. This is good. Yet, if our concerns do not start with our neighbours, so many of whom are migrants and refugees in Australia, then something is very wrong.

I have always appreciated the saying: "Think globally, act locally." Perhaps our contributions globally are limited. However, there is surely no limits to what we can do in our neighbourhoods. No doubt, the needs are great.

For example, the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated a huge reduction on migrants and refugees intake into Australia. I hope that former levels will return and be increased as soon as it is safe to do so. At the same time, so many people residing in Australia whose families live overseas are worried about their loved ones too often living in very dangerous COVID hot spots.

Let us be encouraged by Pope Francis' message and show neighbourhood closeness to them in their vulnerabilities. Simple practical kindnesses can generate the "we" of our concern for them. May they not feel simply the "I" of facing their difficulties alone.

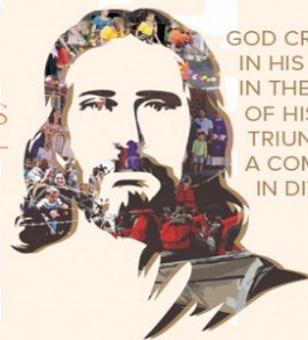
As Pope Francis prays in his Message: "Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the 'we' of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen."

Archbishop Christopher
Chairman Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

107th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER
WIDER "WE"



GOD CREATED US
IN HIS IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE
OF HIS OWN
TRIUNE BEING,
A COMMUNION
IN DIVERSITY.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 27 Sep St Vincent de Paul, priest

Tue 28 Sep Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 29 Sep Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Thu 30 Sep St Jerrome, priest, doctor

Fri 1 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Sat 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels

Sun 3 Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL PARISH GROUPS ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall

St Vincent de Paul

Adventurers Youth Group
(primary school age)
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

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

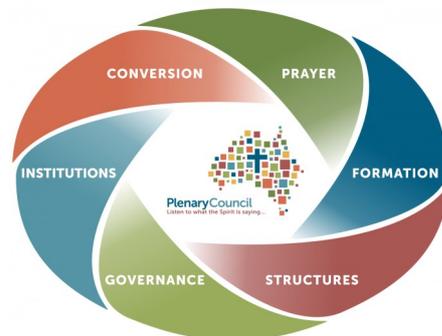
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL BEGINS NEXT WEEK—OCTOBER 3-10, 2021

During the week of **October 3-10**, all key moments will be live-streamed, including; Daily Mass, Morning prayer with Plenary Council members, as well as Sharing the fruits of discernment. Visit the Plenary website, for a complete calendar of live-streamed events from the council: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

1. The **Opening Mass** will be streamed at **2.00 pm AEST, Oct 3**.
2. Each day, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members.

Vatican II echoed how God “continues to converse” with his Body (*Dei Verbum*, 8). In these days, this Body, the Church, desires to enter more intensely into the divine-human dialogue. Let us pray for this momentous moment.



THIS WEEK... Leading up to the Plenary Council you are invited to join in a Novena from Sat 25th of September to Sunday 3rd October— Each day: pray the Plenary Prayer, A decade of the Rosary and a moment in silent prayer for the intentions and success of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia. Come Holy Spirit!

ROSARY VIA ZOOM!— Join Archbishop Christopher to pray the Rosary. Wednesday & Friday at 4 pm. Click the link on the *CatholicVoice* Website, or enter in the details below after opening Zoom; Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

LOCKDOWN— Masses continue to be offered **for your intentions**. Mass are livestreamed *daily* at 12:15pm and on Sunday at 11:00am.

Plenary Council Prayer



*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost,
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land,*

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
And guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
And to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
And to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
And a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
That we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

*Our Lady Help of Christians. Prayer for us.
St Mary MacKillop, Prayer for us.*

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH—SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Eucharist classes **start via zoom on 5 Oct** for 31 Oct Mass. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

OTHER NEWS

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Mon-Sat at 12.15pm & Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

New Ways of Giving and Receiving—The Archdiocese offers simpler and safer ways of making your financial offering, during this time of pandemic and into the future. **Direct debit** and **QKR** options are available, as well as **TapnGo** machines (when we return to Masses 'in person'). Thank you sincerely for your generosity. Please continue to make your offering during this time, if you are able, and perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit.

The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. *If you make an offer to this first collection 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 mission and maintenance of the parish. 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

Or... Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

You can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Please include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number.

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

Canberra Catholic Bookshop—Despite the Covid lockdown we are taking phone calls, and processing email and web orders. We can take payments over the phone and customers can collect curbside. Please email catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au or go online www.catholicbookshop.org.au

Virtual Catholic Women's Summit—8-9 Oct, 6.30pm. The Catholic Women's Summit, hosted by The Genius Project, with an amazing lineup of guest speakers will be available over two days. Register at <https://cf.geniusproject.co/2021-virtual-registration>. More info. contact Karen 0499877844

(NEW!) THE MARRIAGE COURSE – Whether married 4 months or 40 years, in a good place or struggling, *The Marriage Course* offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your marriage. Hosted by the Archdiocese, explore 7 topics together in the comfort of home (via ZOOM). For those at any stage of marriage. Begins Tuesday 19th October. Cost is \$70. Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qba2wYpXgUs> To register visit: www.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/ or contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco—We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH – when we turn our hearts to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. For information on ways to contribute to the work of Catholic Mission visit www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

SUPPORT—Isolation and lockdown has only exacerbated the already huge issue of mental health. Among other issues, loneliness is a paralysing experience for so many. But there is help. If you or someone you know needs extra support. Lifeline: 13 11 14, Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 1800, 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732, Confidential Helpline: 1800 737 732, Kids' Helpline: 1800 551 80, Confidential Helpline: 1800 737 732, Mensline: 1300 78 99 78, CatholicCare: 6162 6100. Of course, never hesitate to contact us at the Parish Office.

In the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'" (No. 35).- Pope Francis



THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

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

Recently Deceased: Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning, Richard Brophy, Ulderico Barzi, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts (Sister of Fr Hilton Roberts), Lorenzo Pastrello, Linda di Cullo, Josef Wiedemann, Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Fr Elizebije Petar, Eduardo Pelaez Tan, Tee Eng Nio



Cathedral QR code

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: *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. 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

Nm 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Reading

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'