



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
3 Oct 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.



PlenaryCouncil
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

Proposing the Gospel with an Australian face for our time

The long anticipated First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia is here. "Walking together" (synod/synodality) is the "language" of our Council and of our Church. We are like the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24, journeying but with a sense of anticipation of more to be discovered. We know that this walking together does not simply refer to our feet. It also refers to our hearts. Here Jesus speaks and fills our hearts with fire.

The Plenary Council, therefore, is a time of inner conversion, prayer and formation as we listen deeply to the whisper of the Holy Spirit and to each other. From this journey, we pray, that all sorts of hopeful ways will emerge for proposing the Gospel with an Australian face for our time. This includes our institutions, structures and governance dimensions.

Perhaps, in this regard, Australia's own unique geography can assist us.

The Working Document ("Continuing the Journey") used a wonderful allusion to Uluru and our missionary task. It described Christ – the Rock at the Centre. Jesus must be at the very centre of the Plenary Council.

Perhaps, too, our place in the world – Oceania – could be a metaphor for the importance of the waters of Baptism. This is the gateway sacrament from which missionary discipleship and mercy flows, especially with the poor and the oppressed.

The fact, too, that the majority of Australians live on the coastal regions is of pastoral significance. The desert centre of our new but ancient land is largely empty and visited by most Australians as tourists. Do we feel truly "at home" in our land? In its origins, Christianity is a desert religion – a place where the one People of God is formed from scattered individuals and groups. Perhaps the desert is a metaphor for the Australian mysticism that yearns for a fresh and irresistible articulation for our time. Our own First Nations Peoples are crucial to assist us here. "Integral ecology", as expressed in recent Roman Catholicism, can assist us too in a truly Australian evangelisation of all our peoples.

So let us place all our hopes for the Plenary Council under the protection of the Saints. As the Southern Cross has shone above us over the millennia, may Mary, the Star of evangelisation, lead us to where Jesus wants us to be. In this year dedicated to his patronage, may St Joseph protect us. May the Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), teach us how to be real Australian missionaries in our time and place.

**Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great south land,
Bless and unite all people of Australia
On the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Amen**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse



PARISH NEWS



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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

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| Mon 4 Oct | St Francis of Assisi |
| Tue 5 Oct | Weekday, Ordinary Time |
| Wed 6 Oct | Weekday, Ordinary Time |
| Thu 7 Oct | Our Lady of the Rosary |
| Fri 8 Oct | Weekday, Ordinary Time |
| Sat 9 Oct | Weekday, Ordinary Time |
| Sun 10 Oct | 28th 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

Plenary Live-streamed MASSES

*Daily Masses with Archbishop Christopher (Monday 4th to Saturday 9th October)
LIVE-STREAMED at 8am.
catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/

NATIONAL OPENING MASS – SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 2021, 2PM (AEDT)
Archbishop Tim Costelloe from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.
plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

NATIONAL DAILY MASS – MONDAY – SATURDAY, 9:30AM
plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

NATIONAL CLOSING MASSES – SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2021
*ARCHDIOCESAN MASS, SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S – 8AM Mass
(note time change) with Archbishop Christopher.
NATIONAL CLOSING MASS– 10AM Mass
Archbishop Mark Coleridge from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.
plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

*Note Mass time changes

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – 2:00 am on Sunday, 3 October.

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

TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN—Tues 2 Nov, 6.30pm, Cathedral. Those who have lost children of any age, are invited to email their child's name to the Parish Office.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S BOOK OF LIFE INSCRIPTIONS: Parishioners seeking to have the names of deceased loved ones inscribed in the Cathedral's perpetual Book of Life, located in the All Souls Chapel at the back of the Cathedral, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by 22 Oct. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The All Souls Chapel is open daily for quiet, prayerful remembrance.

PlenaryCouncil 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.

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

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

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 paralyzing 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: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

Responsorial Psalm: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

First Reading

Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Second Reading

Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Reading

Mk 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.