



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

27th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
8th 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

Synod on Synodality – October 4 to 29, 2023

Friends, the Pope has called a *Synod on Synodality*, and after much preparation the first gathering is now underway in Rome. The second is set for October 2024.

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek meaning 'meeting.' Yet this particular Synod is unique, in that *all* of the Baptised are represented to listen and discern together, not just the Bishops, as the Apostle's successors, as in synod gatherings in the past.

Our own Archdiocese, as a part of the Universal Church has also been journeying towards this gathering for some years now. Last year, in the *Year of Walking Together*, we focused on the image of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They had all but lost hope after Jesus' death, yet in this moment Jesus appears in their midst and joins them. At first, he goes unrecognised, however His Presence is deeply felt in the 'journeying'. The disciples later reflect: "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road?" (Lk 24:32).

This Synod and its process then, at its heart, is a potent reminder of who the Church is, made up of *all* the Baptised. We have come from God, we are moving towards God, and God is with us, speaking to us, as we walk along the way. It is a privileged and significant moment to listen to *what the Holy Spirit is saying to us*, the Church, in our times.

The Gospel today powerfully lends itself to this truth, with a warning! In it we hear that the tenets want to 'grab' the vineyard and its fruits for their own. Indeed they neglect and reject the prophetic voices, and even kill the Son himself... The tenets avoid their responsibility and duty with the owner, and instead, ejecting the owner, attempt to take the vineyard for themselves and their own purposes. This is precisely what the Synod is not!

In the Gift of baptism we are all called to serve the *whole* Body as living members.

A focus in the Archdiocesan *Year of the Holy Spirit (Aug 2023-Aug 2024)* has been discerning the *Charisms* given to us by the Holy Spirit for the service of others. These are not 'talents', but God-given and directed Gifts, for the building up not of ourselves, but the Church. Synodality, at its core, refers to the communion and participation of all the members of the Church in the mission of evangelisation. Each of us, accepting the grace of being God's children, shares intimately in call to evangelisation in and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

To assist us to receive this transforming current of grace of the Holy Spirit, our parish will soon gather in what we have called, "evangelisation circles" of prayer and listening. How do we - journeying with the Synod in Rome and in our own parishes - answer the Baptismal call to evangelisation? What are the 'charisms' God has given to me to serve my brothers and sisters and so glorify God here and now?

Let us pray deeply for and with the Synod over these weeks, and so rediscover our baptismal mandate to evangelisation and joy, breathing and witnessing daily the Living Gospel of Life, Hope and Love.



Synod
2021
2024

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Oct 9 2th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Oct 10 27th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Oct 11 27th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Oct 12 27th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Oct 13 27th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Oct 14 27th Week in Ord. Time
Sun Oct 15 28th 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 LETTER— on Moral and Ethical dimension of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament 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 **Mary— everything we need to know.**

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 6th 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



Blessed Carlo Acutis
1991-2006

Feast: 12 October

Blessed Carlo had a special love for God from a young age, and was devoted to the Mass, Confession, and the Rosary. His faith was so strong it inspired a conversion within his family! Blessed Carlo wanted all people to see the beauty and truth of the Eucharist, so he created a website on Eucharistic miracles. As a teenager, Blessed Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia, and offered his suffering for the Pope and the Church.



Saint Jacinta Marto
1910—1920

Feast: 14 August

1910-1920

Feast: 20 February

St Jacinta looked after her family's sheep with her brother and cousin. It was in the pasture that they witnessed apparitions of the Angel of Peace and the Virgin Mary. Our Blessed Mother had a special message: their prayers could change the world! The three children led 70,000 people to Fatima, confident that their prayers would be heard. St Jacinta is the youngest canonized Saint who did not die a martyr.

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.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TASKFORCE! 27 October.
A two course dinner, charity auctions and special guest speaker Genevieve Jacobs AM. A well known local personality, journalist and social advocate, will speak on the role of faith in her professional and personal life. Early bird tickets for \$70 until 14 October, then reverting to \$80. Tables of 10 for \$700. Visit www.cgwomen.com.au to buy tickets through Humanitix. Proceeds to Mary MacKillop House. Hope to see you there! Any questions, email samanthahazlett@icloud.com

Celebrating 20 years of Mothers Prayers in Australia—Saturday 21 October 2023 St Benedict's Church, Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah 10:30am – 3pm. Beginning at 10:30am with a Thanksgiving Mass. Light lunch provided. Mothers Prayers at 1:30pm.
Enquiries to Anne australia@mothersprayers.org

CATHOLIC MISSION— The 2023 World Mission Sunday Appeal is now available in the Parish Qkr App. Your contribution assists Sr Carolina to continue her essential work, such as the provision of milk & food for babies with under-nutrition and the distribution of books in schools & communities in Timor-Leste



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: Josie Hollis, Oliver & Sofia Le

Those to be married: Elise Fantin & Stephen Mammoliti

Those who are ill: Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, , 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 Slanislaws 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: Rosa Mustapic, 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



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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: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

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

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Second Reading

Phil 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

READERS ROSTER OCTOBER				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	7/8 Oct	14/15 Oct	7/8 Oct	14/15 Oct
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Dorilyn Desuyo	Stewart Unwin Ruth Meadows		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege	Melissa Dixon Dione Smith		
8.00am (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Zvon Seselja	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Jay Corcoran Raphael Molu	Liz Porra Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Leeann Galloway	Jacqui Ramesh Les Buszynski	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Solange Pereira	Solange Pereira Francilia Gomes		

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