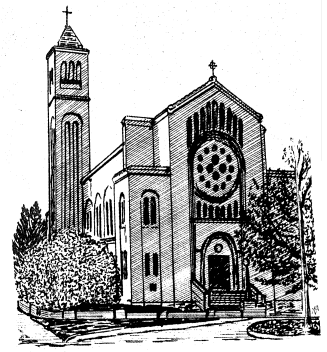


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

28th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
15th October 2023

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



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

What is heaven like? And how do we get there?

You can tell a lot about a person by how they imagine heaven. When a person is trying to describe heaven, they usually reveal the things that are most important to them, as well as showing us an insight into their image of who God is. For example, many people describe heaven in terms of the family they will be re-united with, and we see that they love, and deeply miss, their family. Others might describe heaven as a place of getting the answers or seeing everything, and we see that they deeply care about the truth, learning, and they see God as the source of answers. Give it a try yourself and you'll get an insight into what you value most.

The Bible describes heaven in many ways, there's no perfect analogy for heaven, so it's very useful to us that the Bible gives us a few images. Sometimes heaven is shown to be a throne-room, sometimes a temple, other times something so high up we cannot see it. Our readings talk of heaven as a feast. The feast, a wedding feast to be exact, reveals a lot to us:

Heaven is communal, there are many people there, it isn't just you and God, our neighbours, our community are there too.

These people in heaven are celebrating.

They are lively and joyful.

There is a great abundance.

Death is destroyed.

Every tear is wiped from our cheeks.

Heaven is a marriage, between the Son of the Father and his Bride – the Church.

The guests to the wedding feast have come because they love God and are loved by him.

This is really the heart of the gospel. Many are called, but few are chosen. God loves everyone, but not everyone loves God in return. It is only those who love God who will make the effort to come. We see this when the King calls out to the first guests and amazingly they have other stuff to do!

Rather than go to the son's wedding, they'd prefer to milk the cows. Some even hate the king, and kill his servants. These people do not love God -- they hate him. The others are at best they are indifferent - they love their cows but not their king. We see that it is not God who refuses them, but they refuse to come. God does not condemn people to hell; we condemn ourselves by our own choices.

We see illustrated further in the episode of the man attending the party without a wedding garment. I used to think that this was unfair, but the Bible never says that the man was too poor to buy a wedding garment or that he doesn't own one already. When the king asks the man why he isn't wearing one, he says nothing. He's come to the wedding but he isn't celebrating. The king is perfectly at rights to throw him out. We can't passively celebrate, just as we can't passively love.

How do we get to heaven?

The first step is wanting to go.

Fr Alex.



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA
Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Oct 16 28th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Oct 17 28th Week in Ord. Time
St Ignatius of Antioch
Wed Oct 18 28th Week in Ord. Time
St Luke
Thu. Oct 19 28th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Oct 20 28th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Oct 21 28th Week in Ord. Time
Sun Oct 22 29th 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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE— Please note, on the 4th November, the 12:15pm midday Mass will be held at 12pm for a Charismatic Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Catechesis with Fr. Alex — Every Monday 6:30-8pm at Haydon Hall, food and wine provided. Our next topic will be on **What happened after the Bible— a crash course in Church history.**

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER— PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LANDS.
Available at both Church entrances and on the Cathedral website.

CATHOLIC MISSION— Sunday 22 October is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world. Catholic Mission will be holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work. Envelopes available for cash or credit card donations.



CANBERRA CATHOLIC BALL!— Meet other young Catholics (18-35) 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 \$85 and include a 4 hour drinks package and canapes. Tickets at eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023. Follow *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details & other young Catholic activities. For more info catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BOOK OF LIFE INSCRIPTIONS — Parishioners seeking to have names of deceased loved ones inscribed in the *Cathedral's perpetual Book of Life*, located in the Cathedral *All Souls Chapel*, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by **November 12**. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The *Chapel* is open daily, for quiet prayer.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB— **Reading 'Round the Windows** :This month we are continuing our reading *City of God* by St Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential texts in the development of Christianity. Please join us at Haydon Hall at 6:30pm on Friday 27 October 2023 to discuss Books XI to XXII (Part 2).

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. Thursday evenings at 6pm, Please contact the Parish Office for further information

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 Zélie Martin 1831-1877
Saint Louis Martin 1823-1894
Feast: 12 July

Saints Zélie and Louis both had a strong devotion to their faith, with each of them unsuccessfully seeking to enter religious life. St Louis went onto become a watchmaker, while St Zélie was a lacemaker. They met one day while walking across a bridge in opposite directions. On passing St Louis, St Zélie heard God tell her this is the man she would marry. They had nine children, with all five of their surviving daughters, including St Thérèse of Lisieux, entering religious life. Saints Zélie and Louis are the first spouses to be canonized as a couple.

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**

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.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS— The International Director of the Marian Movement of Priests, Rev Fr Luca Pescatori is visiting Australia in November. He will be accompanied by Fr Donal McIlraith SSC, Responsible for OCEANIA. Fr Luca and Fr Donal will be at St Brigid's Church, on Saturday 11 Nov to celebrate 9am Mass followed by Adoration and Cencle at 10am. Morning tea provided. For more information visit the website: mmp-oceania.net

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TASKFORCE! 27 October. A two course dinner, charity auctions and special guest speaker Genevieve Jacobs AM. Tickets for \$80. Tables of 10 for \$700. Visit www.cgwomen.com.au to buy tickets through Humanitix. Proceeds to Mary MacKillop House. questions, email samanthahazlett@icloud.com

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— for the **St Vincent de Paul Emergency Relief Helpline** at Yarralumla. Duties include answering calls and taking requests. Training included, in a friendly, supportive environment. Hours to suit you. For more information, please call the helpline 62822722

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

Welcomers— The Cathedral Parish is looking for warm welcomers to greet parishioners once or twice a month at the Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 8am or 5pm Masses. If you are interested in joining us as we build on this integral ministry, please contact the Parish Office for details.



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: Henry Crowe, Aston & Annika Altpere

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 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: Anita Ong-Siong Sy, Mgr Rob Egar, 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 14/15 Oct



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Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine stained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hope for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

READERS ROSTER OCTOBER

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	14/15 Oct	21/22 Oct	14/15 Oct	21/22 Oct
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Ruth Meadows	Samantha Hazlett Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Dione Smith	Dione Smith Melissa Dixon		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Liz Porra Marcelle Disanayake	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Les Buszynski	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey
5.00pm (SCC)	Solange Pereira Francilia Gomes	Patrick Beer Kevin Woods		

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