



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

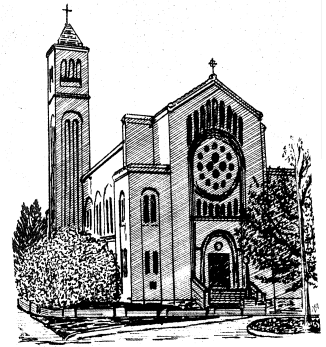
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
3 Oct 2021

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

I've often wondered why certain accounts are recorded in scripture, while others are left out? Granted... we are told "if *everything* [Jesus did] were written down...the world itself could not contain the books that would need to be written" (Jn 21:25). But why *these* particular stories?

This weekend we hear the conversation between Jesus and a 'wealthy man', who remains nameless; as if he stands in the place of any of us. And his life portrays a deep, formative truth about the Christian.

As Jesus set out on a journey, the man eagerly approaches and asks: *Good teacher. What must I do, to share in Everlasting Life?* He hungers for *more*, for fullness, for life. And yet, think about it. He's rich!! He has all he needs materially, and more. But...beyond all this, there remains a desire – the most basic, abiding, and yearning of desires, not for anything this world can give.

He seeks a life of fullness and peace; all the human heart longs for, whether consciously or not. *That's* what he seeks. Furthermore, he knows where to find it, running to Jesus, Goodness itself, objectively present before him.

Jesus tells him, follow the commandments. As if to say here are certain things that you need to cut out of your life if you're going to live in friendship with God. The man has kept them; a firm foundation on which to build. But now Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him'. Following the commands has made him *fit*, in the spiritual sense... *now* a life of true intimacy and friendship with God may begin. Jesus invites the man to *more*; as if to say: *I don't just want you healthy, I want you flourishing! For you are made for more!* You are now ready to imitate Love, not just to get by, but to imitate God Himself. And God is One who gives Himself away in Love.

What stands in the way? What things do we cling to, habits which we 'hoarded' for our security? Give it away! Jesus says. As God gives His Own Being away. Live for the other.

Today, the world, in all its beauty and splendour, its graced advances in technology and wisdom, its wealth of goods at beck and call, still yearns for more... and continually asks: 'is this it?' We yearn for more love, more truth, more joy. Yet to truly experience such, we must be brave enough to not just do "the basics" (the Commandments), but now to go further, to be spiritually stretched from a world centred on the self, and to now imitate God, a God who is love. And that stretching at first can be painful.

Perhaps it all sounds too demanding? This is precisely what the disciples said, later alone with Jesus. To which he honestly replied, yes, for human beings "it is impossible but not for God: because everything is possible for God." Jesus invites us to more, to become like God, a God who is love, and love does not hoard for itself, but gives itself away. This invitation is given to you and I now, in the midst of a world yearning for more, besieged by the pandemics of the world and the human heart.

Jesus today reminds us and leaves us with a truth. It wasn't the money that hindered the rich young man, but the self-sufficiency. We are daily invited to become like God, which means being imbued by love itself, living for the other. And only when we pursue this, do we begin to enter into deep friendship with God and the promise of eternal life. Indeed, this is the Wisdom spoken of in our first readings, of which the author admits, '...compared with Her, all Gold is a pinch of sand'.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

OPENING UP PLAN – ST CHRISTOPHER'S, FROM FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH :)

From **Friday October 15** it will be possible to attend Mass again, respecting the Territory restrictions in place. All Mass times will recommence, at both SCC & SPC, noting that 5:30pm Sunday has moved to 5:00pm at SCC. An additional Mass at 3:00pm on Sunday.

Confessions will be heard at SPC, 1-2pm Sun, returning to normal scheduling in the coming weeks.

- **Strictly 25 people Maximum for each Mass.**
- **Masks MUST be worn at all times.**
- **All must use the Check-in CBR App.**
- **You must pre-book thorough TRYBOOKING** (see www.cg.org.au/cathedral for booking codes. Bookings open 9am Monday 11 Oct)

PARISH NEWS



Plenary Live-streamed MASSES

Mass from St. Christopher's - Sunday 10th Oct, LIVE-STREAMED at **8AM**.

catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/

(Note, all Weekdays Masses and Sunday Mass will return to normal live-stream scheduling from Monday October 11.)

NATIONAL CLOSING MASS – SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2021 – 10AM Mass

With Archbishop Mark Coleridge from St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

TRYBOOKING for Masses 15th October onward — Please consider fellow parishioners when booking for Masses, and do not to book more than one spot initially. If you have any flu like symptoms, do not visit the Cathedral. Priests, deacons and parishioners are able to make visitations. Do not hesitate to call. We would be overjoyed to pay you a visit!

ROSARY CONTINUES OVER ZOOM! — Join Archbishop Christopher for the Rosary. Wednesdays & Fridays, 4pm, during lockdown. Click the link on *CatholicVoice* Website, or enter the details below in Zoom; Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

NOVEMBER TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN — Tues 2 Nov, 6.30pm, Saint Christopher's Cathedral. Those who have lost children of any age, are invited to contact the Parish Office 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 Cathedral *All Souls Chapel*, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by Oct. 22. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The *Chapel* is ordinarily open daily, for quiet prayer (subject to current lockdowns).

MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE — The Cathedral will hold a Hymn Memorial, at 6.30pm. On November 10, 2021. This will be a time of prayer and hymns 'in memoriam', requested by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. To request hymn in memory of a loved one and for enquires, please contact the Cathedral Music Director, Jaki Kane: jaki-kane@hotmail.com

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 11 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Tue 12 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Wed 13 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Thu 14 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Fri 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
Sat 16 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 17 Oct 29th 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

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 **continues via zoom on 12 Oct** for 31 Oct Mass. 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/>

Giving and Receiving—safer ways to your offering, during this 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/>

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — Despite the lockdown we are taking orders. We can take payments over the phone and customers can collect curb-side. Please email us at: catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au or go online www.catholicbookshop.org.au

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. 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=qba2wYpXqUs> Register at: 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. More Info: www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED—6 Nov.- consists of 6 sessions held over two consecutive Saturdays. Topics include communication skills, how to build a stronger marriage, and the Sacrament of Marriage. The course also includes lots of private time for you to discuss issues raised with your fiancé. Catholics with fiancés of different faiths are very welcome. Contact: prugordon@gmail.com

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT—13-14 Nov 2021 of Feb 19-20 2022—How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.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. There is help. If you or someone you know needs extra support. Lifeline: 13 11 14, Kids' Helpline: 1800 551 80, Confidential Helpline: 1800 737 732, **CatholicCare: 6162 6100**. Never hesitate to [contact us at the Parish Office](#).



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 Gan-non.

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, Fr Lloyd Reynolds & Fr Joseph Staunton

Recently Deceased: Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) 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,



Cathedral QR code

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!*

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

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Reading

Mk 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'