

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

29th Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year A  
22nd October 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch  
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YEAR OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
August 2023– 2024

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**Parish Secretary:** Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

## 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

### **Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**

Many are familiar with Jesus' encounter with the disingenuous Herodians and Pharisees in today's Gospel. Accosting Jesus, they again try to 'trap' him, this time over the paying of taxes to Caesar. Was it right or was it wrong for 'faithful' Jews to render such tribute?

For this group it was a black and white issue, or so they want it. An emphatic 'yes' or 'no' – and a tastefully divisive one at that! Such is almost always the mindset of narrow-minded partisans. Indeed today, we are not short of any such examples – they who know only extremes, blinded to the possibilities and truth, which lay between.

It was a trick question, designed as a Catch-22, and they knew it. If Jesus answered, 'No,' the Herodians would charge Him with treason against Rome. If He said 'Yes,' the Pharisees would accuse Him of disloyalty to the Jewish nation, and He would lose the support of the masses.

The answer Jesus gives to their question however, in turn, traps *them*. It is a lesson which echoes through the ages, and is directed as much to us here and now, as it was to those who gathered all those centuries ago.

*"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*

Reflecting on Jesus' words, it should be clear to us, what it is that we ought to be rendering to God, what it is that we owe Him. Since the soul of every human person belongs to the God who made it, in His image, all its faculties and purposes ought to return to Him, in the sense of paying the tribute of their worship, dues and service.

Saint Augustine described this passage several times in his homilies. "If Caesar reclaims his own image impressed on the coin", he says, "will not God demand from man the divine image sculpted within him?" (En. Ps., Psalm 94:2). And further, "as the tribute money is rendered to him [Caesar], so should the soul be rendered to God, illumined and stamped with the light of his countenance" (*ibid.*, Ps 4:8).

'Caesar' represents whatever duly established civil government we happen to be subject to. Yet the question becomes, What is it that we owe to Caesar? What obligations do we have toward the community to which we belong and the government that guides and directs it?

We must admit, that we are often confronted with onerous difficulties when it comes to showing an active fidelity toward a government, by freely meeting the obligations we have toward it as citizens, and that is because, we can honestly say, the government, such as it is, is not always worthy of fidelity. The most important obligation of any government, in justice, is to promote a true common good for its citizens, that is to say, to create a cultural atmosphere in which moral virtue is fostered and protected. Where life is protected. There are today hundreds of civil governments throughout the world, most of which fall far short of meeting that obligation. How many of them would even regard it as an obligation? And consider a government that is positively tyrannous, where the people are effectively dehumanised, and rank not so much as citizens but as slaves and commodities to be disposed of when their 'use' expires.

When Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," He drew a sharp distinction between two kingdoms. The kingdom of this world, where we must play our faithful part that justice may reign. And the eternal Kingdom not of this world, where Christ Reigns. Christians are part of both kingdoms, at least temporarily. Under Caesar, we have obligations and duties to loyally build up a community where justice and order can flourish, yet never at the compromise of the eternal Kingdom, which pervades and manifest itself in the present.

It is right and just to live as good and law abiding citizens, indeed this is what Jesus demands. Yet we are to do so in a way that we never forget, that the Christian is first and foremost a citizen of heaven; rendering the first tributes to Christ the Eternal King, of whom we bear not just a likeness, but his very image.

**CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY—** Today is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world. Catholic Mission is holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work. Envelopes are available for cash or credit card donations, or you can donate online.



# 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 23 29th Week in Ord. Time  
Tues Oct 24 29th Week in Ord. Time  
Wed Oct 25 29th Week in Ord. Time  
Thu. Oct 26 29th Week in Ord. Time  
Fri. Oct 27 29th Week in Ord. Time  
Sat. Oct 28 29th Week in Ord. Time  
          Sts Simon & Jude  
Sun Oct 29 30th 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 **The Invisible World: Angels, Demons and the Soul**

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR RELIGIOUS**—You are invited to join the **11am Sunday Mass on 5 November** as we recognize and celebrate the generous Service of Men and Women from various Religious Orders.

**CANBERRA CATHOLIC BALL!**— Meet other young Catholics (18-35) and support Pregnancy Crisis Centres by attending the *James Bond* Catholic Ball. Saturday **4 Nov, 7-11:30pm** at the **Southern Cross Club Woden!** Tickets \$85 and include a 4 hour drinks package and canapes. Tickets: [eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023](https://eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023). For more info [catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com](mailto: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** Join us this week for our discussion of *City of God* by St Augustine of Hippo. Please feel free to join us, no requirement to have read the book. Haydon Hall 6:30pm on Friday 27 October.

**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

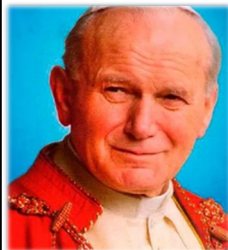
**ALL SAINTS PARTY!**— Join us to celebrate All Saints at the Cathedral! Children are invited to dress up as their favourite Saint. There will be activities for all the family and a costume competition. **Sunday 29 October** after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall. Register for free tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLJJ>

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Saint John Paul II**  
1920-2005

**Feast: 22 October**

St John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Poland. He studied in an underground seminary during World War II and was ordained a priest in 1946. St John Paul II became Pope in 1978, with a great focus on evangelisation. He made pastoral visits around the world, becoming the most travelled Pope in history! St John Paul II continued to work despite poor health, giving witness to the world of patiently bearing all suffering.



**Saint Teresa of Kolkata**  
1910-1997

**Feast: 5 September**

St Teresa knew from a young age that Jesus hears the cries of the poor. At 18 she became a Sister of Loreto but later devoted herself to serving the poorest people in Kolkata (and around the world), by bringing them the love of Christ. St Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity and received the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for her work - which started with prayer and seeing Jesus in every person



# 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 [cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/](http://cgcatholic.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](http://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch) & on the official website for the Synod 2021-2024: [synod.va/en.html](http://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](http://caretaxi.com.au), or 0451 734 334.

**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal**— An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter & health needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**ACT RITE TO LIFE**— All are invited to attend the AGM of the ACT Right to Life Assn Inc., at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. **Sunday 29 Oct** : Meeting 1.45pm to 3pm - Invited speaker 3pm Fr Warrick Tonkin - "The Human Person - From Jesus to Pope Francis". Questions and arvo tea to follow. Assist catering by reply: [actrtlassoc@gmail.com](mailto:actrtlassoc@gmail.com) or phone Bev 0418 718 713

**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, Saturday 11 Nov to celebrate 9am Mass followed by Adoration and Cene at 10am. Morning tea provided. For more information visit: [mmp-oceania.net](http://mmp-oceania.net)

**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

**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.

## We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Valentine Narayan, Asher Lopez, Anastasia Ganlath

**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



## 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.

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 21/22 Oct



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**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Responsorial:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine

### First Reading

**Isaiah 45:1. 4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### Gospel

**Mt 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### READERS ROSTER OCTOBER

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	21/22 Oct	28/29 Oct	21/22 Oct		
5.00pm (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Becky Langworthy	Ruth Meadows Dorilyn Desuyo			
6.00pm (SPC)	Dione Smith Melissa Dixon	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon			
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith			
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Raphael Molu Damian Balachandran			
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Irene Maranan Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Patrick Beer Kevin Woods	Samuel Thatcher Sarah Thatcher			

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