

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year C

19/20 Oct 2019

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias



Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung) & cuppa
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Saturday: 12.15pm
Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am

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—12.00pm
Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm
Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm
Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration & Benediction

St Christopher's:

Friday weekly 5-6pm.
Adoration: First Friday of the
month 12.45-2pm.
Holy Hour & Benediction for dis-
cernment of Priestly vocations:
1st Thurs of the month 7-8pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: 2nd & 4th
Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: 3rd
Sun, 10.30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:
By arrangement

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish.

Last Sunday, the 13th of October, Pope Francis canonised in Rome, Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman, a priest, and one of the greatest prose writers of the 19th century. This extraordinary man's saintly life and thought have proved a profound source of inspiration and guidance to many in their journey to Christ. There were four others however, also canonised on Sunday, all of whom mirrored Christ's life in a unique way.

Saint Mother Mariam Theresia was an Indian mystic devoted to the poor and sick. In 1909 she received the stigmata, that is, the bodily wounds of Christ. A few years later in 1916 she founded the Congregation of the Holy Family Society. This incredible Saint so accurately believed that society was only as healthy as the family. What a wonderfully prophetic saint of our times!

Saint Marguerite Bays was a 19th century Swiss woman who also bore the wounds of Jesus. As a seamstress and catechist dedicated to service and prayer, Saint Marguerite is a magnificent witness of the Universal Call to holiness and sanctification of everyday life.

Growing up in an orphanage near St. Peter's Square, Saint Mother Giuseppina Vanini was a religious sister who served the sick and suffering. Saint Giuseppina is the first Roman born woman canonised in over 400 years!

And finally, Saint Dulce Lopes from Brazil was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize! Born in 1914 her life radiated works of charity, especially towards the elderly. Saint Dulce died in 1992 and her body remained preserved from decay!

These people lived ordinary lives, yet lives which echoed Christ in the midst of a broken world. We too are called to echo such lives...and we can see by their example, that we too can be saints.

As we contemplate these saintly examples, our minds turn towards heaven and accordingly, towards the feasts of All Saints and All Souls (the 1st and 2nd of November respectively). During November in a particular way we remember all those who have died; close relatives, friends, but equally those with no one to pray for them. At the same time we can't but be ardently aware of the agony felt by families who are left behind. This is especially the case when it is our children who have gone before us. As we grieve, we remember and trust in the words which fell from the lips of Christ Himself, "...the kingdom of heaven belongs too such as these" (Luke 18:16). Guided by these words, a Mass for all those who have lost babies and children will be held on the evening of Friday 8th of November in Saint Christopher's Cathedral at 7:00pm. A candle will be lit for each child and their name placed before the altar. Indeed these too are saints, beholding already their Creator in heaven. Please find more details of this evening in the bulletin and let us continue to pray for each other, never ceasing to be inspired by and ambitious in... imitating the lives of the saints.

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

Liturgy Rosters

Gabrielle Wright & Scott Pobihun

RCIA

Fr Trenton van Reesch

School of Religion

Charlotte D'Cruze

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Young Adults

Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation

Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm SPC "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

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

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

CASHLESS TAP & GO, COLLECTION OPTION: As a response to visitors & parishioners asking for alternative ways to make donations in a growing 'cash less' society, the Cathedral parish is trialling, with other Canberra parishes, the use of a tap & go donation point. There will be one tap machine available at the end of each Mass at the back doors. The amount is set at \$5.00. This is a trial & more 'tap points' will be available in the future if this method of donation proves helpful to parishioners. Please note that no receipts are issued & these donations do not contribute to your Planned Giving. Donations are to the second collection which is for the maintenance & growth of the parish.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2019—*"In the same way all of us, though many, make up one body in Christ, and as different parts, we are all joined to one another"* (Rm.12:5). In the body of Christ, the Church, we are blessed with so many different gifts to be shared through various ministries. During October there will be available a Commitment Sunday form which outlines these ministries and invites you to discern and nominate yourself for one or more. Please take a form home and pray about how you might contribute to a ministry, recalling the words of St. Peter when he said, *"each one of us has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others"* (1 Pt. 4:10). Forms may be returned anytime to the Office or on a collection plate.

LEGION OF MARY – Will meet again on Wednesday 23 October at 6.15pm in Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral). Members meet for prayer, spiritual reading and apostolic works. All most welcome to attend. Enquiries: Rick – 0490 233 999 or Jasmin – 0431 060 556.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): RCIA is the process through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. Let us keep those people in our prayers. **Sessions continue 31 October**, 6pm, Parish Office, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. Contact the Cathedral Office to express your interest.

Vespers for the Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated on Friday 1 November at 6.00pm. All are welcome to join with the Cathedral Choir in song and prayer on this Solemnity.

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 18 Oct. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The All Souls Chapel is open daily for quiet, prayerful remembrance.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are found amongst your Planned Giving Envelopes and at the Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed on either collection plate, placed in the baskets in front of the altar or dropped into the parish office.

MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE: The Cathedral Choir will hold a memorial hymn service on **10 November at 6.30pm**. This will be a service of prayers and hymns requested by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. The hymns 'in memoriam' will be sung by the choir and congregation together. The choir will use the new Rodgers Organ, positioned in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This organ has been purchased by the parish with generous financial contributions from the Archdiocese, the Cathedral Choir, and an individual private donor. Parishioners are invited to contribute to the organ purchase, by making a donation and proposing a hymn in memory of their loved ones. A suggested donation amount is \$75. For further enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Music Director, Jaki Kane. jakikane@hotmail.com

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR—Parish order: Orders are being taken now for the 2020 Columban Calendar. Each calendar is \$9 but the price may reduce to less than \$7 if we have more than 20 ordered. Please call or email the Parish Office on 6239 9846 to place your order by 15 Nov.

TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN: November 2nd marks the feast of **All Souls**. In November especially we remember all those who have died. We are also acutely aware of the pain felt by families left behind, especially when they are our children who have gone before us. A Mass for all those who have lost babies and children will be held on the evening of **Friday 8th of November in Saint Christopher Cathedral at 7:00pm**. Those who have lost children are warmly invited to record their child's name on a card provided (alternatively please let the office know and a card can be made up for you). On the evening you are invited to light a candle to be placed before the altar. In our times of grief let us forever be consoled by Christ :

"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"... "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes such a child in My name welcomes Me..." (Matt 18:1, 3-5).

OTHER NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: Perth, 8-10 Dec 2019. ACYF is the biggest national gathering of Catholic young people in Australia. Experience live bands and international speakers, engaging workshops, powerful prayer experiences and more. Explore the diversity and beauty of the Catholic Church with over 5,000 other youth and young adults from around Australia. The Archdiocese will be taking a small group (18 & over). Costs: appr. \$1,550 pp. Info: Huw.Warmenhoven@cg.org.au.

ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING EXPO—24 Oct, 5.30-7.30pm, Veritas Bldg, ACU Campus, Watson. Connecting parents with Mental Health Service providers in the ACT. Keynote Speakers—Dr Michael Gordon & Dr Elizabeth Moore. Q & A Panel. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFLGT>.

Australian Church Women World Community Day Service, 25 Oct, 11am, Tuggeranong Uniting Church, 17 Conrie St, Erindale. Bringing us together to pray for justice and peace around the world. Info: www.acw.org.au/about.html.

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, next gathering at the JERRA CHINESE Restaurant, Jerrabomberra Shops, Sat, 26 Oct, 7pm for dinner. RSVP Lyn: 0400 265 926.

MARIAN PROCESSION – come and join pilgrims from across the Archdiocese at the beautiful St Clements Monastery, Galong on October 27 as we honour Our Lady and her Son, Jesus. There will be activities for the family, a coffee van and opportunities for prayer. If you would like to bring a statue of Our Lady, these will be blessed on the day. Details: 9.30am - Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village, 10.30am – Confession, 11.30am – Mass, 2pm – Procession. There will be a charter bus leaving from St Joseph's, O'Connor, at 8.30am (\$15 pp) bookings can be made through Jasmin—0431 060 556 or directly by email: npham_52@yahoo.com.au
For more information go to www.marianprocession.org.au

THE ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING on "One in Christ Jesus" Sat 2 Nov, Haydon Hall, Forrest, 9am-4pm. For more information and to register, call Susanna 0419902293, Maida 0423658326, or Neda 0415266019.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND - 8-10 Nov. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wme.org.au Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Mission Adventure? Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Learn more: 11 am, Sat. 16 Nov., King O'Malley's Pub, 131 City Walk, Civic. Tony Bozicevic and Ivapene Seiuli will share their experience of communities in Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and explain how sharing your skills with Palms support can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Call Palms Mon-Fri on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Milan Turcin

Those who are ill: John Beckhouse, Oxana Hipwell, Tom Kilmartin, Lucy Duncan, David Cusack, Peter Sutherland, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Betty O'Neill, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin

Anniversaries of death: Victor Res, William Patrick Boyle, Dorothy Whitfield, William Slanislaws James Duffy, James (Dick) Millwood, Alice Campbell, Phyllis Regazzi, Baby Lillianna Fulop, Kathleen Scott, Annie Kelly, Mick Enderby, Kath McIntosh, Guerino Belmonte, Jack Kenny

Recently Deceased: Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano, Rosalie Novak, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson, John Arganese, Antonio Russo, Salvatore Persico of Turin, Patricia Robertson, John Agius, Barbara Atkins

Social Fundraising Event Card/Mahjong Day for L'Arche—18 Nov, Canberra Bowling Club, Hobart Ave, Forrest, 10am-2pm. Cost \$25, includes lunch, wine or juice, tea & coffee. Proceeds go to L'Arche Genesaret, an intentional faith-based community of people with and without intellectual disability. To book a table of four, please call by 11th November to Di on 6241 2658 or Mary on 6258 1739.

ENCOUNTER MYANMAR: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333.

Wisdom of the Desert Retreat—29 Nov, St Clements's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. An explanation of what humanity is when it is in touch with God through Jesus Christ led by Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie. Email info@stclement.com.au or P 02 6380 5222.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of Aid to the Church in Need is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call 1800 101 201 during business hours to arrange.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain



Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the "desert blooms with the life that lies in wait." We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Readings of the Day – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

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: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!*

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

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First Reading

Exodus 17: 8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Second Reading

2 Tim 3:14– 4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 1– 8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
<i>Mass</i>	<i>19/20 Oct</i>	<i>26/27 Oct</i>	<i>19/20 Oct</i>	<i>26/27 Oct</i>
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Wanda Kaucz	Geraldene Ford Cecilia Flores	Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Kristina Faigl	Liza Quinn Mineke Peerboom	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Lynn Chan	Jaye Longland Wanda Kaucz	Any available EMHC	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Liz Porra Jacqueline Hipwell	Scott Pobihun Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Jonathan Lee	Peter Carrigy-Ryan Kristina Faigl	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish encompasses the areas of Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla