



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday in  
Advent  
Year C -  
5 Dec 2021

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



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St Christopher's &  
St Peter Chanel's  
are currently open to  
limited numbers and  
restrictions.

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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 (livestreamed),  
5.00pm \**Note new time*

### **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

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday  
1.30pm & 3.00pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** By arrangement

## REJOICE! HOPE GIVES BIRTH TO CHRISTMAS JOY

We will not forget 2021 in a hurry! We come to the end of this momentous year and the beginning of 2022 with many mixed emotions. People generally speak of feeling a kind of tiredness, even exhaustion.

It is true. We have had an extraordinary year! Often I hear of people using words such as fragile, lonely, uncertain, and tired of risks and challenges in daily living, and so on.

Of course, globally, the Covid-19 pandemic has affected us all in a host of different ways, all of them challenging.

For the Catholic Church, other issues abound as well. For example, our challenges with intrusive political legislation in formerly sacrosanct areas dealing with, for instance, euthanasia, and religious freedoms.

For the Catholic Church, the challenges of learning to engage with each other in a spirit of *synodality* (walking together) is new to us. This is especially seen in the consultations around the Plenary Council of Australia (first Assembly), and the international Synod on Synodality. Locally, we are still assisting people affected by bushfires and drought in our parishes.

Yet, into all this mess, we continue to be inspired by HOPE. It is a gift innate to humanity. Taking away hope leads only to the lonely road of despair. Hope is the mother of joy.

In recent weeks, a great example of hope giving birth to joy was offered to us all. It was the finding of Cleo Smith. This beautiful 4-year-old little girl from Carnarvon, Western Australia, inspired the world with hope and joy.

Family, friends, local Catholic parishioners and police never gave up hope over the almost three-week ordeal. Their hope was well founded. People around Australia speak of strong emotions of happiness and absolute rejoicing on hearing of her safe return. These are always the fruits of hope. They are summed up in one word: joy.

At Christmas time and the New Year, we celebrate this hope and joy experience in the most extraordinary encounter of God becoming one with us in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem.

The hope over millennia that the God of all loving kindness would enter into our humanity is fully realised in Jesus. That is why Emmanuel (*God with us*) is such a joyful Christmas word. The Angel tells Mary to REJOICE. John the Baptist leaps with JOY in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth when the pregnant Mary arrives at the visitation. Mary MAGNIFIES the Lord in her greeting to Elizabeth

Already there is so much joy exploding around Australia at the opening up our of country, as lockdowns seem to be ending. We always hoped for this moment. It is happening now.

Let us not be too distracted by expressing our joy alone in exaggerated retail frenzies or overseas and interstate holidays. Let us make this Christmas and New Year period now one of the greatest in memory. All our hopes and joys find their source and fullest expression in thanking the Lord for realising our deepest hopes and needs in sending us Jesus.

Our Churches are opening up to more people. If possible, express this hope and joy by celebrating Christmas and New Year Masses in your local parish Churches.

To all, may Christmas and the New Year be a time of deep blessing for you and your loved ones. Make sure we all have a good experience of rest and refreshment over this time. We all really need it! God bless you always!

Archbishop Christopher

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

### RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy*

### School of Religion

*Miss Chiara Catanzariti*

### Youth Minister

*Miss Anh Tran*

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 6 Dec	2nd week of Advent
Tue 7 Dec	St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Wed 8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 9 Dec	2nd week of Advent
Fri 10 Dec	2nd week of Advent
Sat 11 Dec	2nd week of Advent
Sun 12 Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent

## PARISH GROUPS

### Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm  
Haydon Hall*

### St Vincent de Paul

### 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  
(Dec 12, Christmas Mass 1230)*

### Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at  
5.00pm SPC*

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

**COVID CAPACITY**— restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are no longer required through Trybooking.

- 280 SCC & 200 SPC people at each Mass.
- Facemasks are recommended but not required. Sanitiser available at all entrances.
- All must use the **Check-in CBR App**. Thank you for your ongoing care and understanding.

## POPE FRANCIS VISITS CYPRUS AND GREECE and the island of LESBOS (2-6 DEC)

— We pray for the Pope's visit in the footsteps of St Paul, in which he draws all human hearts to the plight of migrants and refugees. In this advent season, with the migrant Holy Family, we join Pope Francis in prayer as well as our sisters and brothers in these places.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY, THIS FRIDAY!**—10 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets in the churches to nominate what you would like to bring. RSVP to office —6239 9846.

**PARISH SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Saint Christopher's Cathedral.

**JESSE TREE**— at St Peter Chanel's for Advent! We would love our families to be involved. For more information, the PDF resource to do at home, or to hang an ornament before mass, email [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

**ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE.** Boxes are in churches to receive hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts, to distribute to families in need. All contributions are required by 9 December. Thank you for your generosity.

**MEMORIAL HYMN EVENING**—Thank you to the Cathedral Choir. The service was recorded and can be viewed at: [youtu.be/wjHGjgzA1LA](https://youtu.be/wjHGjgzA1LA)

**PARISH EMAIL DATABASE** – We can now email you the bulletin as well as parish notices and events. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email us at [cathe-dral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathe-dral@cg.org.au)

**THANKYOU**—We want to thank all the volunteers of our parish over the last year! What a year it has been! Know of the gratitude of our parish family for all that you do.

**MISSION SUNDAY-** Thanks to all who supported this appeal. Envelopes are still available in the pews, and can be placed in collection bags or boxes.

## St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Christmas Masses

### Cathedral

6.00pm Vigil  
8.00pm Vigil  
Midnight Vigil (11.15pm Carols)  
8.00am  
9.30am  
11.00am  
5.00pm

### St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

5.30pm Vigil  
9.00pm Vigil  
9.00am  
10.30am



**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM** - offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of 'integral ecology' as spoken of in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical. Visit: [laudatosiactionplatform.org/](http://laudatosiactionplatform.org/) and [care4ourcommonhome.org/home](http://care4ourcommonhome.org/home). You are invited to join on the platform.

## OTHER NEWS

**Giving and Receiving**— safer ways to make an offering. **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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers);  
or Donation (by parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

**You can also Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!**

A purpose-built secure parish app to contribute to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. 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://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

**Thank you for your generosity**

**The Heroic Migrant—FRANCO GINO CERVO d.28 May 2010** Franco migrated to Australia from Rome in the early 60's at 16. 'His courage saved two' read the headline from 50 years ago, when devastating floods descended upon Canberra. Franco risked his own life, almost swept away, to save three men, two of whom were police officers trying to save the third. With a rope around himself he was able to haul the men to safety. 50 years on, we admire Franco's heroic courage and remember and pray for all those killed in the 1971 Canberra flood, Carmel Anne Smith (19), Margaret Mary Smith (15), Michael John Smith (6), Jennifer Ann Seymour (12), Dianne Elizabeth Seymour (8), Lon Victor Cumberland (18), Roderick Dumaresq Simon (20).

**CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP** — Christmas gifts, holiday reading, nativity sets & Christmas cards. **ATTN:** Daily Mass Book 2022 - please check : If you are missing pages 64 – 91 please return to the Catholic Bookshop to exchange it for a new book. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to see you over the Christmas season.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE**— Visit our website: [womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/](http://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/)

**ARCHDIOCESAN ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCE** - Advent resource featuring reflections from families from around our Archdiocese. For use in small groups or alone, in person or via zoom. [cgcatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://cgcatholic.org.au/ADVENT) or contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** advent appeal to help Christian refugees suffering persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. For stories and to make a donation visit [aidtochurch.org/adventappeal](http://aidtochurch.org/adventappeal).

**VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REQUEST**—Hours: Minimum 4 hours/day (20 hours/holidays); Volunteer Period: 01/12/21 – 31/01/22 (negotiable); Info: 0407 905 217, or [volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au](mailto:volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au). [vinnies.org.au/shops](http://vinnies.org.au/shops).



**COME BACK TO THE FATHER! ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING** - Sat. 11 Dec - 9:30am -4:30pm - St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla. Catholic Charismatic Renewal. [trybooking.com/BUTGN](http://trybooking.com/BUTGN). Or text Maida 0423 658 326.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church now embarks on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. You are invited to make a submission via an online portal, now open. Make a 250 word submission at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> Once received, a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in Rome, 2023 will be made. The diocesan consultation phase has been extended too, to the 15 August 2022. Dates on the guides and resources on [catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch). We will also make a submission as a parish community—more to come!

**We pray for...**

**Those to be married:** Ashleigh Geppert and Michael Mifsud

**Those to be baptised:** Joshua Save; Joseph Henry

**Those who are ill:** Denis Gilmour, Beryl Johnson, 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, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

**Anniversaries of death:** Kevin Ruane, Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Federick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner

**Recently Deceased:** Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, + William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning.

## Readings of the Day – 2nd week of Advent —Year C



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**Entrance Antiphon:** *O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

### First Reading

**Bar 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### Second Reading

**Phil 1:3-6, 8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel Reading

**Lk 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	4/5 Dec	11/12 Dec	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Ruth Meadows	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Gloria Osborne	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Bronwen Grey	Les Buszyski Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.00pm (SCC)	Denis Fisher Denise Fisher	Jacob Madden Kristina Faigl	

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