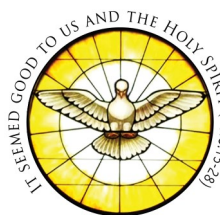
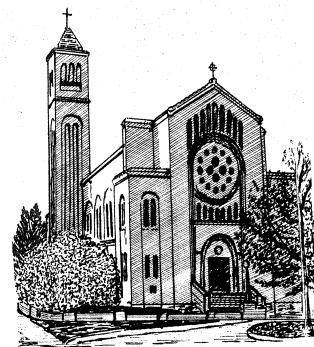


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

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14 January 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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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 (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

GOD'S CALL, SELFISHNESS AND INTIMACY

We have the call of the apostles, and the call of Samuel, we also have Paul writing on intimacy.

It might seem like there is not a lot that these topics have in common. On the contrary, they are intrinsically linked; the message to focus on here is selfishness.

Why does God call Samuel? He is a nobody, the only son of a lonely and unloved mother, given to care of High Priest at a young age. Samuel will go on to restore integrity and right practice to the Jewish faith, he will undo the harm caused by the High Priest's wicked sons and together with David will lead Israel back to God. Likewise, the Apostles here, they are ordinary, simple people, perhaps even illiterate. They will go on to found Churches, convert the gentiles, and lead people back to God.

To us, it is outstanding that God uses the simple and lowly, to bring the people to greatness. Surely, it would have been easier to use the established leaders of the Jewish people. All it would take would be a couple of changes of heart and the Pharisees would be working with Jesus. One change of heart and King Saul is all good, David can go back to his sheep and the Israelites get on with their lives.

Why does God do things the hard way? Perhaps it is easier for a humble heart to seek out the will of God than it is for God to work with a selfish person. The High Priest's sons Samuel replaced were greedy men, taking money and even eating the sacrifices offered to God themselves. The Pharisees will conspire to have Jesus killed because they trust the politics of men more than they trust God. Selfishness ruined them, it ruins everything, and it will ruin us too, if we let it.

In particular, lust always leads to selfishness. When our lives become focused on pleasing ourselves, when what we think of as good, is what is best for me, rather than what God the source of all goodness tells us to be good. Our values have shifted, we have forgotten God, and made ourselves into a hollow imitation of Him. It is in this context, that the teaching of the Church on sex makes best sense. As Saint Paul writes to us, we do not belong to ourselves, we are not our own property – instead we belong to God, body and soul.

This is what marked Samuel and the Apostles, they knew that they belonged to God rather than themselves, and so they served Him rather than their own selfishness. In this Mass, let us pray for humility, wisdom and the strength we need to turn away from ourselves, and to turn back to God.

Fr. Alex

NOTICES

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Miss Becky Langworthy
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Jan 15 2nd Week in Ord. Time
Tues Jan 16 2nd Week in Ord. Time
Wed Jan 17 2nd Week in Ord. Time
St Anthony
Thu. Jan 18 2nd Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Jan 19 2nd Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Jan 20 2nd Week in Ord. Time
Sun Jan 21 3rd SUNDAY in Ord. Time
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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.

2024 Columban Calendars \$10 each available in the Catholic Bookshop.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Would you like to work with fellow parishioners to support people in need in our community in 2024? St Christopher's Parish has two St Vincent de Paul Society conferences, one for Manuka (including Forrest, Barton, Kingston and Griffith) and one for Yarralumla (including Red Hill and Deakin). The Yarralumla Conference is currently seeking new members to respond to people in need in our parish. The Conference meets fortnightly on a Monday evening, and members share in spiritual fellowship, respond to calls to the St Vincent de Paul Emergency Helpline, provide bread to approximately 20 households each Tuesday night, and regularly visit isolated individuals in our area. If you would like to learn more, please contact Siobhan Reeves on 0401 183 351.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE— Are you interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others by learning how to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online using Zoom in January/February 2024. This short 40-hour course will comprise of 6 sessions and run from 9am to 3.30pm, commencing Mon 29, then Tues 30, Wed 31 January, then Mon 5, Tues 6 and Mon 12 Feb. Applications close on Thursday January 25, 2024. For more information please contact Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: **0418 413 731**

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP— Books to develop your faith and a wide range of gift ideas. Open Monday to Friday 9:30am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. Located in Manuka behind the Cathedral on the ground floor of the Archdiocese Office building.



An Evening with Christopher West – Sydney The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to present 'Male and Female He Created Them': Rediscovering Authentic Masculinity and Femininity by Christopher West, brought to you by the Theology of the Body Institute. In the midst of our world's widespread confusion of seemingly limitless "gender identities", Christ's words resound: "Haven't you read that in the beginning God made them male and female?" What is this mysterious "beginning"? What went wrong since? How can we reclaim and rediscover in our own lives the original and glorious meaning of our creation as a male or a female? What does it mean to be a man or a woman? What is our deepest, most real identity? Dr. Christopher West will breathe a breath of fresh air into all of these questions in this hopeful and redemptive presentation

Saturday, 20 January 2024 at All Saints Catholic Church, 48 George Street, Liverpool. Tickets: General admission – \$20 Student/ Concession – \$15
<https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/>

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BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: FORREST & SURNAME

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BSB: 062786 Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral
Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
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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/ **Thank you for your generosity**

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS –

Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

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.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024**
For further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com

KARINYA HOUSE - supporting women and their babies in crises pregnancies. Please consider financially supporting by becoming a 'Friend of Karinya' today. karinyahouse.asn.au



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 who are ill: Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, 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, Kalam, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Julian Borg, Georgia Hurley, Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Helen Burt, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak, Rhys Summergreene, Margaret Riley, Julian Radjam

Recently Deceased: Gyssetino Ricciuti, Rathesh Fernando (brother of Fr Rembert Fernando) Geraldine Conlan, Neville Reece, Zander Balmaceda, Kevin Wellspring (Father or Fr Julian Wellspring), Cathy Cleary, Jeanette Marie Evans, Frank Fulop, Tim Davies, Jerina Junakovic, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Don Debus, Raymond Anthony, Kevin Bray, Colin Dwyer, Anita Ong-Siong Sy,



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Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! . We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who bring us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am’. Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

READERS ROSTER JANUARY

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	13/14 Jan	20/21 Jan	13/14 Jan	20/21 Jan
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Dorilyn Desuyo	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Wanda Kaucz	Raphael Molu Irene Maranan		
11.00am (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Bianca Goh	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekah O’Meagher Lynette Yap	Samuel Thatcher Sarah Miron		

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