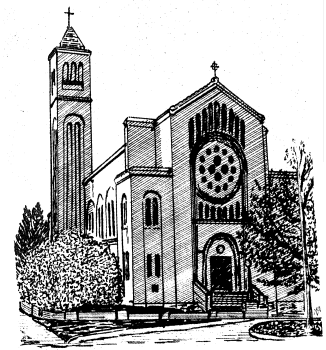


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of
Advent. Year A
4th December 2022

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

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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
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

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

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

This second week of Advent we encounter the voice of John the Baptist, in the Wilderness:

"Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight!"

All four Gospels bring us to Jesus through this mysterious figure. John the Baptist comes preaching a baptism of repentance. And yet, what can puzzle us, is that Jesus is then baptised by John. Not because He is sinful, but that He might make clear to us, how truly united with us He is, and so too the nature of His Mission. Jesus has come to comfort and to save. To console and to reunite us to our God.

Jesus agrees with the Baptist's message, he endorses it. In being baptised He also reveals that He has taken the burden and consequences of our woundedness and sin upon Himself... as if He were the one who had offended.

In this season of advent, we prepare anew to conceive within ourselves, the God who comes in flesh and blood.

Let us then prepare the way! For the God who reveals Himself anew, is far more mysterious than we first suspect! Here and now, there is something more to be said by a God who is far more merciful than we could ever believe. Something more to be said by a God who is far more patient than we have ever known. Something more to be said by a God who has entered space and time, in order that He might seek us out and come to us – in the vulnerability of a Child... to save His people!

May our hearts be humble and vulnerable enough to re-learn daily what Jesus is offering. Let us relish advent days of reflection, prayer and joyful expectation. For in the midst of our personal and communal darkness, we are reminded that in Jesus we have every reason to rejoice. For where John announced that the time was up... Jesus professed, it is not yet the end, but the beginning of a great flood of mercy! *An Advent.* God has come to find us... let us prepare the way!

A helpful piece to mediate upon is given to us in the words of the first Preface of Advent, prayed in the Mass. This preface is used from the First Sunday of Advent to December 16, and clearly reflects the fact that the Church's prayer in Advent focuses on both Christ's coming in the flesh at his birth and on his coming again at the end of time. Inviting us to contemplate deeply this greatest of mysteries, it reads...

*For he assumed at his first coming
the lowliness of human flesh,
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty
and all is at last made manifest,
we who watch for that day
may inherit the great promise
in which now we dare to hope.*

1st Preface of Advent

Annual Carols and Readings at the Cathedral Returns!

Our Carols and reading will again take place this year on the 16th of December at 7:00pm in Saint Christopher's Cathedral. Join us on this joyous occasion!

A blessed Advent to all, and know always of your priests' prayers for you.

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Dec 5th 2nd Week of Advent

Tues Dec 6th 2nd Week of Advent

Wed. Dec 7th 2nd Week of Advent
St Ambrose

Thurs. Dec 8th 2nd Week of Advent
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Fri. Dec 9th 2nd Week of Advent

Sat. Dec 10th 2nd Week of Advent

Sun. Dec 11th 3rd SUNDAY OF
ADVENT YEAR A

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 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Cathedral

5pm Vigil

8pm

Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.15pm)

8am Mass

11am Mass

5pm

St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

9.30am Mass



CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION— Additional Confession times will be offered on **20 & 21 December** from 5-6pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Regular Confession times will follow as normal.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE— Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral. No Rosary will be held in January 2023.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY— **9 Dec**, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please feel free to bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. To RSVP with numbers attending & plate to share, sign up sheets in the Church or contact the parish office cathedral@cg.org.au All are welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK STALL— Located in St Peter Chanel's Church, the book stall holds selected items from SVdP and the Catholic Bookshop. The stall will operate after the Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 9:30am Masses.

A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS— St Bede's Primary School and St Christopher's Cathedral Parish warmly welcome you to join us for *A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS*. Donations to be collected on the night for: St Vincent de Paul Society When: **7 December 2022** Gates open at 5.30pm and Carols begin at 6pm. Where: St Bede's Primary School 55 Hicks Street, Red Hill. Bring a cosy family picnic. There will also be food available for Purchase.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Working Document for the Continental Stage - The Working Document, a fruit of listening & discernment, has been released in Rome. This working document seeks to bring out the voices of the People of God. | **A Reflection Guide** - in the DCS offers 3 guiding questions: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch | **The Submission Portal is now open** and closes Fri 9 Dec. After groups have met to reflect on the DCS, they will submit a summary of their reflections on the *Working Doc for the Continental Stage* via the online portal: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch | **Group Coordinators Workshop** - a recording can be accessed at: [bit.ly/ GroupCoordinatorsWebinar](https://bit.ly/GroupCoordinatorsWebinar) Any questions, contact: leith.dudfield@catholic.org.au



Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

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/

Thank you for your generosity

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

SUNDAY MASS – With the easing of COVID, Archbishop Christopher has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation for those able to attend Mass. A copy of his statement is available on our website. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/60th-anniversary-of-the-goulburn-schools-strike/>

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

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.

CAMPION COLLEGE— Summer Program a 4-day taster of what it is like to study at Campion College. Registration is free and is now open to 16-20 years. Date 10-13 Jan 2023, 17-20 June 2023. <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program/>

ECUMENICAL NATIVITY FESTIVAL— 9-12 Dec Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes. From 45 countries, showing diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. 12 noon to 5pm - Sat 10th | Sun 11th: 10am–7pm | Mon 12th: 9am–5pm, St Margaret's Hall, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22)
Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

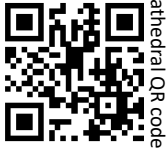
We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Alex & Leo Findlay

Those who are ill: Geraldene Ford, Liz Porra, Kevin Conlon, Clara Yee, Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Phil Pockock, Sophy, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

Anniversaries of death: 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, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner Bruest Family, Sweeten Family, Mahony Family

Recently Deceased: Fritz Tedjakuntara, Joseph Williams, Philomena D'Cruze, Sharon Woods (Mons. John Woods sister), Paul Kildea Snr, Hugo Caggiano, Br Anthony Atkinson FMS, Berty Jacob, Adriane Brown, Sally Barber, Medardo Balmaceda, Lauren West, Nicolina Caggiano, Bill Higgins, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Donatella Magro, Vittorio D'Ambrosio, Kieran O'Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adriane Brown, Frances Monica Beattie (Wellach-Smith), Claudine Radjam, Luke Koay,



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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: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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

Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lords rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord (The fear of the Lord is his breath). He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but he judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child put his hand. They do not hurt, no harm on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Mass	3/4 Dec	10/11 Dec	3/4 Dec	10/11 Dec
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Kevin Woods		
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Tarinya Hannedege	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Ceciley Matthews	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Damien Balanchandran Jaye Corcoran		
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Jacqui Ramesh	Jacqueline Hipwell Cecilia Flores	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Avanti Oberoi	Jacob Madden Rebekah O'Meagher		

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