



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of
Ordinary Time- Year A
15th January 2023

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-
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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

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

BEGINNING WELL

We see three beginnings in our readings this Sunday: Isaiah is told by God who he is. He is to be a prophet. God has a plan for him. Next, Paul, writing to the Corinthians, starts his letter by stating he is appointed by God to be an apostle.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist recalls the beginning of his ministry and the public ministry of Jesus. St. Matthew has St. John confirm before his followers that Jesus is the Christ because he saw the Spirit descend on him.

What do we see in these three beginnings? We see that God is the one with a plan, not Paul, not Isaiah, not even John the Baptist. Paul and Isaiah, if they were acting on their own, could have called it a day and quit and they would have lived comfortable lives, wonderfully normal, peaceful lives. They were both capable men: Paul was an educated tradesman from a good university town, a well-known and respected Pharisee. If he hadn't have listened to the call of God he could have lived a life many of us would be jealous of. Isaiah's early life is unknown to us, but we know he was a family man and served under three kings of Judah, I'm sure he had the possibility of selling-out and settling down. So what stopped these men from throwing in the towel?

They kept going not because of financial motivation, or a desire for power or prestige, (they had neither) nor did they keep going for the sake of self-preservation, in fact, both were executed. All they needed to do to save their lives was to stop preaching. They didn't stop, because it wasn't their plan, it was God's and they feared God's disappointment more than any earthly displeasure.

God calls us to take up our cross and follow him; He doesn't call us to make our own plan, but to follow his. As we're making or abandoning New Year's resolutions this year, let's not ask: "what do I want?" but, "what does God want me to do?" - Fr Alex



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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*Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office*

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Jan 16 2nd Week of Ord. Time
Tues. Jan 17 2nd Week of Ord. Time
St Anthony
Wed. Jan 18 2nd Week of Ord. Time
Thurs. Jan 19 2nd Week of Ord. Time
Fri. Jan 20 2nd Week of Ord. Time
Sat. Jan 21 2nd Week of Ord. Time
St Agnes
Sun. Jan 22 3rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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.**

PARISH OFFICE has reopened **with limited hours until Monday 23 Jan.**

The Office will be open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm

Friends, as many of you know, we have had terrible trouble with our office phone for over a month. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Please continue to EMAIL us in the coming week— the issue is being rectified.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. FT

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE – Meet every second Monday starting 9 January. Meet at SPC at 6.30 for one hour. Contact Wanda at 6161 2323 for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — **Sts Peter and Paul's Goulburn** — Volunteer for 2 hours a month: Email goulburn@cg.org.au www.stspeterandpauls.com.au

KARINYA HOUSE - supporting women and their babies in crises pregnancies. Become a 'Friend of Karinya' today. karinyahouse.asn.au

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB - resumes on Friday 27th of January: *Catherine of Siena* by the Nobel Prize winning author Sigrid Undset (Available @ Catholic Bookshop). An extraordinarily active, intelligent, and courageous woman. Undset presents a moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED—a mentoring programme for the recently married aiming to develop relationship skills in living the sacrament of marriage. bit.ly/NewlyMarried or call Ralph & Angela, 0401 994 081. Registrations close 13 January.

VOCATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Fr Emil Milat** (parish priest of Central Canberra) has been appointed the new Vocations Director. We have 3 seminarians studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. We pray for those, formed after the heart of Christ.

20 & 21 January 2023 Made for More with Christopher West in Sydney Tour.

Christopher West. Contact the Sydney Archdiocese Life Marriage and Family. trybooking.com/CDBSBW. Or contact lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

George Cardinal Pell (1941-2023)

In the early hours of Tuesday, Cardinal George Pell died in Rome. Much of the Cardinal's life was spent bringing the Australian Church into line with the vision of Saint John Paul II and the proclamations of the Second Vatican Council – with a fidelity to the past and optimistic desire for the future. In the Archbishop, I encountered a man of humanity, thoughtfulness and courage. A man of mature patience, and wisdom.

His death has brought mixed reactions from many corners, and this is understandable, and something we will continue to work through, together. Yet as one who knew him, I must say, Cardinal Pell was a man of striking compassion, gentleness, *faith...* and humour. His fidelity to the truth was certainly something undeniable. In a culture of relativism, he was anything but. When I returned to the Archdiocese after completing my own studies, the Cardinal said to me: "the world can take much from you, but never let it take Christ's Peace. This is something Jesus gives you personally". These are words for all of us; these are words I will not soon forget.

Vale Cardinal Pell, rest now in this Peace, Christ's Peace. ft



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**

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

19 Days—**26 Jul to 13 Aug**, Avila, Segovia, Alba De Tormes, Salamanca, Fatima, Lisbon, Barcelona, Dubai. It is with great excitement that we announce Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be leading a pilgrimage to the 16th International World Youth Day which is to be hosted by Pope Francis in the great European city of Lisbon, Portugal. This pilgrimage is for young adults between 18-35. You are invited to join this once-in-a-lifetime experience. For more details on how to express your interest, and to stay up to date with information, visit



THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER—

See Archbishop Christopher's letter—cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO — For We welcome the Apostolic Nuncio to our 11am Mass this weekend.

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.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE — Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral.



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:

Those who are ill: Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlon, Clara Yee, Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, 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: 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: Colleen Phillips, Renato Cervo, George Save, Maria Honchera, George Cardinal Pell, Denise Schmidt, Benedict XVI, Vin Kane, Tony Tamer, Frits 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



Cathedral QR code

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 I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

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

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: ‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors

Mass	14/15 Jan	21/22 Jan		
5.00pm (SCC)	Les Buszynski Jacob Madden	Becky Langworthy Crystal Lavien		
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle	Tarinya Hannedege Wanda Kaucz		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Bronwen Grey	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway		
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Anthony Brierley	Anthony Brierley Rebekah O’Meagher		

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