

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year A

18/19 Jan 2020

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,

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world..."

These well know lines penned by the 16th Century Saint and Carmelite nun, Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), form a prayer which captures the tangible, physical nature of what it is to be Christian; what it is to truthfully bear the Name. They are unmistakable in their assertion, and sharp in their command—the Christian life is dynamic and active: it is a life which changes us, and has its affect on the people and world in which we exist. The Christian is called to be salt and light (Matt 5:13-16), living out Christ's life, embracing the goodness which comes from Him alone and thus revealing God's steadfast love to all they encounter, especially in times of darkness.

I could not help but call to mind Saint Teresa's prayer this past week. This parish is so generous! Last weekend we collected over \$3,000 for those affected by the bushfires. The love, generosity and practical support that you have shown these families during their time of crisis is immense. On their behalf: I thank you! Individual donations this week have also been breathtakingly generous, some up to \$5,000!

The greatest solidarity that has been shown however are the prayers offered, both privately and as a community. For three weeks now prayer vigils have been held in our parish, pieced together and lead by members of our wonderful parish and Legion of Mary group. I am so grateful for the initiative, love and leadership of so many in our community in these days. Our prayers vigils will continue for fir victims and those of the continuing drought.

In many ways, and most effectively through prayer, we become instruments of God, allowing those around to discover that God does care, and permitting them to once more be pervaded by His tender love. This is the Christian life manifest, and of which Saint Teresa wrote.

In a world which so desperately searches for God and so often struggles in doing so, we see that God *is* merciful, loving, and close; and so many are able to see proof of this love, revealed through you! One affected parishioner from the coast remarked – "I've never felt the church more a family than now. We feel so loved!"

I know that our support will continue well after the flames are gone! And that's what give so many families so much hope: knowledge that they are not alone nor forgotten.

Let us continue to pray for all suffering in these days in any way, that *Jesus* may be their consolation and solace. And let us pray for each other, that we may continue to be conduits of that love which *Jesus*, the Prince of peace, is, every day, revealing to the world.

"... Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch
Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 20 Jan St Fabian & St Sebastian

Tue 21 Jan St Agnes

Wed 22 Jan St Vincent

Thu 23 Jan 2nd week in Ord. time

Fri 24 Jan St Francis de Sales

Sat 25 Jan The conversion of St Paul
the Apostle

Sun 26 Jan 3rd week in Ord. time

Legion of Mary

*Wednesday at 6.15pm
Haydon Hall*

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
Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177*

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.**

PRAYER VIGIL FOR VICTIMS AND RELIEF FROM THE FIRES

Our prayers of sadness and grief for those who are suffering the fires, and for those who have died, are always tempered by the hope that we bear as Christians. The consolation and love promised us by Jesus is a beacon of hope to all those who suffer. Join us in prayer and solidarity with all those who are suffering and who have already lost so much. We pray for rain to quench our dry land and the fires which continue to threaten.

3-5pm Sundays in January, Saint Christopher's Cathedral. Adoration. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosaries & prayer intentions. All are most welcome.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (GERMANY) CONCERT —Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky & Paganini—11 Feb, 8pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com.au, Tel 136100 or cash at the door one hour prior to the concert.

A DAILY HOLY HOUR: "O come, let us adore Him" is the familiar antiphon resounding through the Christmas season, and yet still, every day, the Church continues to call out, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," inviting us, to believe, to hope, to love, to adore, and to be consoled by the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**. From February 2020, Holy Hour will commence at the Cathedral on **Tuesdays to Fridays, 5pm to 6pm**. Pope Francis reminds us that "If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." So come... let us adore Him!

BUSHFIRE DONATIONS—The Cathedral Tap Machine in the Franklin Street foyer will be dedicated to the bushfire appeal. A retiring collection will be offered again this week if you would like to make a donation.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—

Theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic**; 6.30-9:00pm: 21 Jan 2020, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

Please note consecutive session times have changed.

Prayerful and Eucharistic Tuesday January 21st, Haydon Hall

Humble, healing and merciful Tuesday January 28th, Haydon Hall

A joyful, hope-filled and servant community Tuesday February 11th, Parish Rm

Open to conversion renewal and reform Tuesday February 18th, Parish Rm



ATTENTION: Call for Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council. CLOSING SOON

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to be a delegate from our Archdiocese? Submit your Expression of Interest by speaking with Fr Trenton or Father Norvin. Expressions of Interest are due by noon, **25th January 2020**. Contact by emailing the Parish Office.

Any person expressing an interest **must** be available for **one** of the Preparation and formation days in: **Melbourne:** (Thursday 5.00pm 18 June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 20 June 2020). **Brisbane:** (Thursday 5.00pm 25 June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 27 June 2020). **Sydney:** (Thursday 5.00pm 16 July 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 18 July 2020). **Perth:** (Thursday 5.00pm 23 July 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 25 July 2020).

The **Plenary Council General Assembly 1** will be held on Sunday 2.00pm 4 October 2020 – Sunday 12.00pm 11 October 2020. And the **Plenary Council General Assembly 2**, on Monday 12.00pm 28 June 2021 – Saturday 12.00pm 3 July 2021.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

OTHER NEWS

CHANGE THE HEART PRAYER SERVICE—23 Jan, 6pm, The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. Aunty Jean Phillips, one of the most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, is calling all Australian Christians to come together in prayer in the lead up to the Change The Heart prayer services. Join in and support Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Common Grace, and pray for our nation. More information about the service and Aboriginal Sunday (19th January) can be found here: https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26_2020.

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING —3 February, 12.30pm, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. The guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in out-back Australia. New members and visitors most welcome.

PASTORAL CARE COURSE: Are you interested in learning the basics of Pastoral Care? In increasing your capacity to be a reflective listener and to support others in a spiritual and empathic form of supportive care? Clinical Pastoral Education is an internationally recognised course and a 5 week Introductory Course will be running at Queanbeyan Hospital on Wednesdays, 9-5, from Feb 19-Mar 18. Cost is from \$350-\$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannepcpe@gmail.com for more details.

WHAT IS PRAYER? Join Fr Michael for a series of talks on prayer. Beginning on Sunday 16 February 2020 after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. All invited. Tea & coffee available.
16 February—What is prayer; **23 February**—How to pray with the bible “Lectio Divina”; **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; **8 March**—How to pray the Rosary; **15 March**—What is Sacrament?; **22 March**—What is Eucharist? **29 March**—What is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?; **5 April**—What is Liturgy?

A PILGRIMS' WALKING RETREAT—14-16 Feb, from 6.00pm to Sunday 16th at 3.00pm. Enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the Pilgrim walking the Shalom Labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises. Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation). Phone: 63673058. Em: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com WWW: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER—15-16 – Feb. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: May 2-3, August 1-2, November 7-8

SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—20-22 – March 2020—weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Through keynote talks and workshops, mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & quality sisterhood, women are given the opportunity to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ & develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages of life. Registration Ticket - \$270 including meals & accommodation. Tickets can be purchased via www.sisterhood.org.au.

EMMAUS JOURNEY –“They recognised him in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35) Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Presenter Father Pat Corbett C.Ss.R. This retreat is designed for people in the ‘second half of life’. A gentle four day experience of wholeness and wellbeing. Ensuite room \$550, shared facilities \$450. Contact Saint Clements Retreat Centre 02 6380 5222, or <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/emmaus-journey/>

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. — Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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.



Tap & Go PayWave Machine to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Katarina Kish

Anniversaries of death: 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

Recently Deceased: Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Maris, 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,

Readings of the Day – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!*

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 Reading

Jn 1:29-34

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.’

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| LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER | | | | |
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| Lectors | | | Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist | |
| <i>Mass</i> | <i>18/19 Jan</i> | <i>25/26 Jan</i> | <i>18/19 Jan</i> | <i>25/26 Jan</i> |
| 6.00pm (SPC) | Sheila van Gent Wanda Kaucz | Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash | Frances Bulbrook | Pieter van Gent |
| 8.00am (SCC) | Assigned Mineke Peerboom | Liz Porra Philip Pocock | Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle | Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle |
| 9.30am (SPC) | Clarice Poh Dominic Chin | Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland | Any available EMHC | Colliss Parrett |
| 11.00am (SCC) | Bronwen Grey Gabrielle Wright | Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell | Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman | Liz Porra Leeann Galloway |
| 5.30pm (SCC) | Leeann Galloway Jacob Madden | Cecilia Flores Jonathan Lee | Elizabeth Young Lionel D’Cruze | Tony Croke Lionel D’Cruze |

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