

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Year B -  
11 April 2021

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



Masses at St Christopher's will be offered with a maximum of 260 people present until further notice.



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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),  
5.30pm

### 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

## Baptisms

**Sundays:** 12.30pm

## Weddings

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

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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, with the joy of the Resurrection still fresh in our minds and hearts, the Church celebrates *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Saint John Paul II announced this day, not long before his death. Karol Wojtyla (later John Paul II) had fostered a devotion to Sister Faustina— a Polish nun who died in 1938. Sister Faustina was gifted with visions of the Risen Lord; the culmination coming when Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart, from which burst forth rays of light. You might recall the image of *Divine Mercy*, where from Jesus heart radiates a *pail white*, identifying baptism, and *red*, signifying the Eucharist and Christ's Blood.

But what do we mean by mercy? The word comes from the Latin *Misericordia*, which expresses a suffering of the heart. *Misereri* meaning 'to have pity on', or compassion for, and *cor*, meaning heart. Mercy then is a type of compassion (in Latin *compassionis* means "to suffer with"). Mercy signifies therefore how God draws our misery into his own loving heart. This idea echoes what the Old Testament expressed as God's *hesed*, or tender mercy. In the psalm this weekend we hear:

"Let the house of Israel say,  
"His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His love endures forever."

God's divine love endures forever, never to be taken away, never to dim. Indeed, it's no coincidence that this psalm rings out today, as the world remains submerged in the confusion and agony of pandemic.

In today's Gospel we see the very human encounter with the Risen Jesus. The disciples are gathered, locked behind closed doors, *in fear!* Those who only a week ago in the moment of truth had denied and abandoned their Master, huddle, paralysed by their experienced. But now, Jesus comes and stands among them. He's back! Yet not for some kind of payback, but rather, with words of peace: "Peace be with you!"

Astonishingly, Jesus then draws attention to his wounds... why? Lest they forget! Lest we forget what the world has done to him. Lest they forget the reality of sin. Yet note he does not then follow with a word of retribution...but of *Mercy*.

These weeks after Easter are always a strange time, but in these days, when covid still burdens our world, they can feel even stranger! A lot of the time we subconsciously think 'ok, we're done with Easter', and while it's not 'back to normal', we still think, Easter is 'over for another year'. Yet while we think like this, we run the risk of carry on and living as if the Resurrection never happened; along with the truth and mercy which flows from it.

A few years ago, at a Passion play, a kindergarten class re-enacted the Resurrection and Empty Tomb. They did a great job! However, there was one little boy (the angel) who was given the critical line to deliver to the young girls who would come to the tomb and find it empty. "*He's is not here, He is Risen...*" When the time come however, he was silent, struck with stage fright. His teacher leant over and whispered the line. After a pause, he whispered into the microphone... "*He's not here. He is in prison!*"

How often do we subconsciously act as if *this* is the line delivered by the angel... that Christ rose, fine... but now, somehow, the merits of this Resurrection, the grace of this miracle, the transformative reality that this event... is all restrained behind some prison of our own fear and uncertainty?

Today Christ shows his Wounds – and in so doing he points to *our wounds* – the wounds that won us such a revelation of Mercy and Love from God! *Misericordia* (Mercy) – God shares in our woundedness, and see how his wounds are now transformed! Our wounds become his, and his wounds become glorified. So much so that our wounds, the wounds of the church, become the pathway to God!

On this weekend of *Divine Mercy*, we pause... and we begin to realise once more that we're not bound nor imprisoned by our woundedness. But rather, *we're freed*, when our wounds are recognised in the light of the risen Jesus! In these days we are closer to God than ever. Closer to the God who has taken our very flesh and destroyed that death which once had claim over us. The great invitation that is given to us in these days, is exactly that, the invitation to **live as People who know the Resurrection happened**, and who are now changed! Who now embrace and bathe in the merits of that Miracle and Fount of Mercy.

"Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed" that is, "look at the wounds that once pierced them... they are not wounds anymore and *nor are yours!*"

May God draw close to you in these mysteriously joyful Easter days... He is with you, and through His Church, He is close.

Fr Trenton

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

**Director of Music**

*Jaki Kane*

**RCIA**

*Please contact parish office for next program.*

**School of Religion**

*See ad under Parish News.*

**Youth Minister**

*Anh Tran*

Email: [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

**Weekly Liturgical**

**Calendar**

Mon 12 Apr	Monday of the 2nd week of Easter
Tue 13 Apr	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Wed 14 Apr	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Thu 15 Apr	Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
Fri 16 Apr	Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sat 17 Apr	Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sun 18 Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter

**Legion of Mary**

*Monday at 5.30pm  
Haydon Hall*

**St Vincent de Paul**

*Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community*

**Adventurers Youth Group**

*(primary school age)  
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—  
Resumes, February 2021*

**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*

**Filipino Community**

*First Sunday bi-monthly at  
5.00pm SPC*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Last weekend at our Easter Vigil Mass, Hans Wang and Jake Morgan were baptised, and with Patrick Hassall and Bianca Montiel they received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. This marks the beginning of a new phase in their journey of faith. In welcoming them into full communion with our Catholic Community we thank all those who have prayed for and journeyed with them in preparation. We thank Becky Langworthy in a particular way, for her guidance and direction during the RCIA process.

**Feast of Divine Mercy**—11 April, 2-5pm at the Cathedral. Exposition, Reflection on Divine Mercy, Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction.

**Living in Resurrection Power - Daily Online Devotionals** leading up to Pentecost with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy. The Catholic Guy Ministry aims to proclaim the Gospel in ways that people can relate to and understand to encounter Jesus Christ in their daily lives. For further information and to register for the daily emails/short videos, go to <https://brucedownes.org/>

**Project Compassion Boxes: Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes. Thankyou.**

**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - 24 & 25 April 2021 – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:** We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep)

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

**DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP:** To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.



**Thank you!**



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**ENROL NOW—2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM**

**Confirmation classes** starts Tues, 20 April, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

**Parish Collections**

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider recommending your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

**New ways of Giving**

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

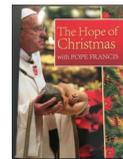
[www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

**Easter Triduum will be live streamed** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

#### PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP AND sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. NB: Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please DO NOT return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances.

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop** - Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



 Aid to the Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/sisters](http://www.aidtochurch.org/sisters)

**Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims**—Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of the devastating floods in Timor Leste. Support is urgently needed. Donations can be sent to Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale VIC 3032 or [www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au](http://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au). PH: 03 9377 6060.

**Our Health Ahead**—20 Apr, 6pm, ACU Canberra Campus, Rm 301.1.20, Veritas Bldg, 223 Antill Street, Watson. Free. This Black Friars lecture will reflect on the opportunities and challenges for community health and wellbeing in a post COVID world, & especially on the role of people, policy and politics. RSVP by Friday 16 April to [ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au](mailto:ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au)

**Mother's Day Gift, Craft and Cake Stall**—28/29 Apr, 8am-4pm, main foyer area, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Phone Mary 62544084 for more information.

**St Edmund's College Enrolling Now for 2022.** Experience Eddies Day Tuesday 27 April. Open Day Saturday 1 May 11:00am – 2:00pm. Visit our website [sec.act.edu.au](http://sec.act.edu.au), or ring the College on 26953598 for all enquiries or email us [enrolments@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stedmunds.act.edu.au)

**Merici College Enrolling Now!** Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm. Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May. Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October. Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

**Engaged Encounter Retreat**—1 May. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Info: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Choose any of the Weekends: May 1-2, August 7-8, November 13-14 2021; February 19-20 2022

**Evenings for the Engaged - Marriage Preparation Course** 10 July, 9am. The course consists of six sessions conducted over two consecutive Saturdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Sessions, presented by married couples, cover important aspects of marriage and include lots of private time for you and your fiancé to discuss issues raised during the talks. Sessions conclude with group discussion. Workbooks and lunch are included. Contact: Pru Gordon and Peter Grist 0451 670 041 [prugordon@gmail.com](mailto:prugordon@gmail.com)

**CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY** - The Catholic faith echoes the dignity of all people and welcomes every person as equal members of Christ's Body. To ensure our parish is meeting the needs of the disabled and chronically ill community, have produced a survey to identify and accommodate the unique needs of our members and community. We invite you to complete our survey, available in the Church Franklin street Foyer and on our website. Complete forms can be emailed to the Office or returned to the sacristy at any Mass.

**Positions vacant:** - **Housekeeper** for the Clergy Retirement Foundation at the Garran facility. Contact [chris.koelmeyer@cg.org.au](mailto:chris.koelmeyer@cg.org.au). Full time **Counsellor** for 'The Farm in Galong'. Contact Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428 for more information.

**1979 Year 10 & 1981 St Clare's Year 12 Class Reunion**—A celebration of friendships since graduation is planned for late 2021. If you are one of the 1979/1981 classes please contact us via [classof1981reunion21@gmail.com](mailto:classof1981reunion21@gmail.com) or if you know someone from the classes please pass this message on.

#### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Bembi Beyongo; Hugh Currie-Macintyre; Jack, Noah & Brooke Hedges; Banksy Hage; Beatrice Rosal Krebs

**Those who are ill:** Francesca Wall, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne

**Anniversaries of death:** Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Galagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donovan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating,

**Recently Deceased:** Dionesio Dela Cruz, Ledda Simeon, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore,

## Readings of the Day – 2nd Sunday of Easter —Year B



Cathedral QR code

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

### First Reading

**Acts 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Second Reading

**1 Jn 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

### Gospel Reading

**Jn 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	10/11 Apr	17/18 Apr	
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Ruth Meadows	Scott Pobihun Eleanor Noorli	
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Wanda Kaucz	Fiona Wheeler Geraldene Ford	
8.00am(SCC)	Assigned Marcus Smith	Liza Quinn Mineke Peerboom	
9.30am (SPC)	Liz Porra Dominic Chin	Ruth Meadows Clarice Poh	
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Scott Pobihun	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.30pm(SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	

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