

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

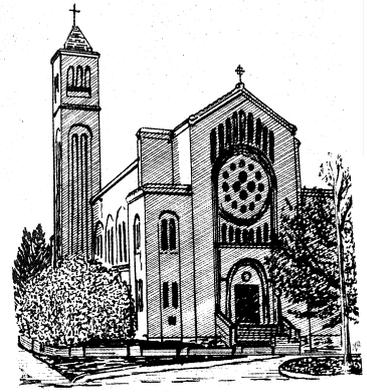
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of Lent

— Year A

7/8 Mar 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:

Tues-Friday weekly 5-6pm (except
1st Thurs).

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

Vespers First Sundays, 6.30pm

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—Friday, 8am-4pm

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

This weekend will be the first of an annual **University Mass** held to mark the beginning of the new academic year, at 11am at St Christopher's Cathedral. The Greek philosopher Aristotle often evaluated a thing in respect to its 'telos'—that is, its "end", "purpose", or "goal". We could say the *telos* of a knife is to cut, or of a physician, to heal. Which makes me ask: what is the *telos* of a university? The most obvious answer would be truth. The word in the Latin, *veritas* itself often appears on so many university crests. As we gather to ask God's blessing for another fruitful university year, we are reminded of the *search for Truth* which must always characterise the life of the Christian. May our students in their studies always pursue the greatest knowledge offered to the human heart—*Christ Himself*, the Way the *Truth* and the Life.

It's fitting that in a few weeks time we will welcome the relics of **St Thérèse of Lisieux** and her parents, **Saints Zélie and Louis Martin**. When Pope St Pius X canonised St Thérèse in 1925 he spoke of her as the greatest saint of modern times. And yet it was her understanding and *simplistic seeking* of the Truth which set her, her parents and indeed her whole family apart.

In her desperation to embrace the Truth, Thérèse would speak of her "little way", which consisted not so much in doing great deeds but in doing little, ordinary deeds with enormous and extraordinary love. "Being kind and patient with a cranky nun in the cell next to her; smiling when she wanted to cry; loving a neurotic sister who drove her to distraction — these small acts of virtue, often unnoticed by others, became Thérèse's path to sanctity." The accuracy, power and simplicity of her message saw her declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997. And yet we mustn't forget, Thérèse's extraordinary understanding of Christ's real, simplistic love, grew in the context of her family life. Thérèse shows that holiness is simple and hidden, it does not seek recognition but, turning away from self, it makes within the human heart a place for Jesus. Thérèse is the daughter of holiness. The Church, recognising that goodness is caught, investigated her parents, finding two incredibly humble saints and witnesses to the Truth in their simple, daily lives.

The question remains though, why our relics of saints for veneration? Note we venerate relics, not worship them. Despite the strong devotion around them, there is nothing magical or superstitious about relics. Touching a relic isn't going to make a person 'holy'. Of themselves relics are not holy. It is more correct to say, that they are the remains of a *holy person*, and because of their connection to that holy person are revered. We all have 'reminders' of those we've loved, items which, to the 'average Joe' might have no objective, external value... however to us they are treasures of the greatest worth. Why? Because they *move us to remember that loved one or place*. They bring to mind the qualities and goodness of the person; spurring us on to imitate the life and virtue the person they exemplified in their life. The relics of saints are like this. Relics are physical remains which connect us with the goodness and holiness of the saint; leading a heart that genuinely seeks, to receive and respond to grace freely given. Through God's grace relics can make us realise the truth of *what it possible* (and expected!)

The saints who are "visiting" are a mother, a father, a daughter; and they show us that the path to holiness is so often the path of struggle and ordinary life; carried out and lived *with love* and dependence on God. They are of great relevance for us. They have been where we are, and have allowed God to perfect them. The Martins prove that the family is the seed ground of holiness and goodness. Our world can learn deeply from them.

The word relic comes from the Latin *relinquo*, literally meaning *I leave*, or *I abandon* — where we get our word relinquish. Relics and their veneration ultimately point us to the *greater picture*, and are just another in the long line of treasures which Jesus has given to His bride, the Church. Relics summon us to appreciate not only the heroic individuals who have served God so selflessly, but especially the love and mercy, of a God who loves the human person so much, that He deigns to reveal His Glory... through them, and so... through us, His creatures.

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

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

School of Religion

Youth Minister—Chiara Catanzariti
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 9 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Tue 10 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Wed 11 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Thu 12 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Fri 13 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Sat 14 Mar 2nd week of Lent
Sun 15 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT — 6pm Cathedral 6 & 20 Mar, St Peter Chanel's 13, 27 Mar & 3 Apr.

WOMEN'S YOUNG ADULT/PROFESSIONAL LENTEN SMALL GROUP every Tuesday 5:30pm-6:30pm at 'My Cafe' Manuka. Lets journey deeper this Lent together. Contact Chiara at chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

PAPAL ANNIVERSARY MASS—Join Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana celebration Mass for the 7th Anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis. Wednesday 18 March, St Christopher's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS GROUP—FISH & CHIPS DINNER, 20 Mar, 6pm, 'Snapper on the Lake', Yarralumla. Come for some great dinner and even better chats! Bring a picnic blanket. Contact Chiara at chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts **Mon, 27 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 or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 5.30pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 15 June for 29 July. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 August for 20 September.

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS—RE: THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

With advice from medical experts the Archdiocese is employing best practice and prudence in trying to help reduce the transmission of the CoronaVirus (COVID-19). All communities, parishes, schools, hospitals, etc. are asked to observe the following protocols:

- Remove Holy Water from fonts.
- Ask the faithful to acknowledge each other at the sign of peace, but refrain from touching.
- Priests, Deacons, Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to use hand sanitiser before distributing Holy Communion and after distributing Holy Communion at Mass, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, Visits to the sick in Hospital and Home.
- Instruct the faithful that Holy Communion should be received only in the hand, not on the tongue.
- Distribute the Sacred Host only and not the Precious Blood.

Father Anthony Percy VG

4 March 2020



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

29th March

Visitation of the Relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin



10.45am St Christopher's Cathedral, 11am Mass

1.15pm depart St Christopher's Cathedral,

1.30pm arrive St Peter Chanel's church, Yarralumla,
for veneration

4.30pm Relics arrive back at St Christopher's Cathedral,

5.30pm Mass St Christopher's Cathedral

6.30pm Relics depart for St Patrick's church, Bega

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Second Sunday of Lent
8th March 2020

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. You can also find out more about Phany's story and other Project Compassion stories on the Caritas website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

OTHER NEWS

THE CATHOLIC GUY LENTEN EMAIL PROGRAM 'WALK THROUGH LENT 2020 - Receive daily talks and reflections via email from Bruce Downes @ The Catholic Guy Ministries. To participate, register at <https://brucedownes.org/lent>

WHAT IS PRAYER? Join Fr Michael for a series of talks on prayer, after 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. All invited. Tea & coffee available. **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?

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AUTUMN PLANT STALL—12 Mar, 7.30am-4pm, Calvary Hospital, Bruce. Info: Jan 0437790980.

AMICUS—a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, next gathering at the Bread n Putter Bistro Queanbeyan Golf Club on SAT 14 Mar, 7pm for dinner. RSVP Lyn 0400 265 926.

ST PATRICK'S DAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE 14 Mar, 12pm, Marist College Senior Hall, Pearce. Keynote speaker Dr David Caldicott.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES—28 Mar, 11am, St Joseph's O'Connor. The Acies event is the Legion of Mary's annual consecration to Jesus through Our Lady, in the pattern of St Louis Marie de Montfort's 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin'. Celebrations will include the consecration, rosary and Legion prayers and Holy Mass concelebrated by Legion of Mary spiritual directors. All current, previous and potential members of the Legion of Mary, and anyone with a devotion to Our Lady, are most welcome. Contact: LegionOfMaryCanberra@gmail.com".

SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—20-22 March — 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 purchased via www.sisterhood.org.au.

A THOUGHT FOR LENT:

"[God] shows much more of Himself to some people than to others — not because He has favourites, but because it is impossible for Him to show Himself to one whose whole mind and character are in the wrong condition. Just as sunlight, though it has no favourites, cannot be reflected in a dusty mirror as clearly as in a clean one." — C.S.Lewis

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN

God our Father, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, look kindly upon us in our heartfelt gratitude as we give thanks. Thank you for the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us and thank you for answering our prayers for rain by graciously sending widespread rains to refresh our hearts, the land and animals alike. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, grant us continued rain throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

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/>

INSTAGRACE FOR YEAR 8 TO 12— 14-17 – April, St John Paul II College, 211 Goyder St, Narrabundah 9.00am to 11.00am. Instagrace is a 4 day catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for Years 8 to Year 12. This program is designed to help teenagers explore themselves and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through inspiring talks, music and life testimonies. Registration fee - \$200. Rego by 31/03/2020. www.instagrace.com.au to register. Enquiries Roby: 0433828266, Jobin: 0470415847 or Leeba: 0403893115. Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com

YOUNG MEN OF GOD (YMG) is a Catholic movement consisting of young men witnessing to the world. We are empowered by the truth and our mission is to encourage young men to follow God's call in their own lives while journeying with us as brothers in Christ for the greater good of society. Every Tuesday in lent, there will be a group of young men gathering together to reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel. We start at 6:30pm with dinner at Beach Burrito Co. in the city before moving over to Highgate Canberra at 7:30pm. For more information join our Facebook group - Young men of God Canberra or ring Nathan Tran at 0422546517

TO LET—1 bdrm light & spacious granny flat, fully furnished in Flynn. Pref. non smoker. Enquiries 0415 266 019.

JOURNEY WITH THE MARTYRS – Lenten Calendar. During the season of Lent Aid to the Church in Need would like to invite you to “Journey with the Martyrs” through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH —Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

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.



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 to be baptised: Calissa Minos

Those who are ill: Jim Kaucz, Arianna Vignale, Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin. Katarina Kish, Mary Brennan

Anniversaries of death: Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Christine Humphries

Recently Deceased: Josip Persic, Don Furner, Henry Tabisz, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rod Frazer, 4 children killed at Oatlands, Roberto Emilio, Mary Bowe (Kilmartin), Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris,

Readings of the Day – 2nd Sunday of Lent —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

First Reading

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Reading

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	7/8 Mar	14/15 Mar	7/8 Mar	14/15 Mar
6.00pm (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	Sheila van Gent Frances Bulbrook	Any available EMHC	Frances Bulbrook
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Wanda Kaucz	Mineke Peerboom Liza Quinn	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Colliss Parrett	Jaye Longland Lynn Chan	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Jacqueline Hipwell	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	Ceciley Matthews Kathryn Ruston	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
5.30pm (SCC)	Youth Mass	Jacob Madden Jonathan Lee	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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