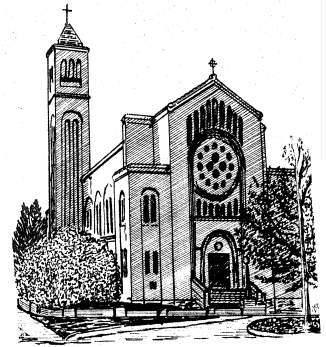


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of Lent  
Year B -  
28 Feb 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 maxi-  
mum of 260 people present  
until further notice**

## PARISH OFFICE

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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

## 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

On this second Sunday of Lent we experience a moment rich in mystery. It is a moment which comes at a vital point in the journey for the disciples, as the crucifixion approaches. With all the last year has revealed for us, perhaps we can say that it comes at an equally crucial time in our own journey.

Taking his disciple up the mountain, Jesus unveils his divinity, yet it is only for a moment, a moment in which he reminds and encourages his disciples of how close God (how close the divine) really is; especially when seeming most distant! In this intimate moment Jesus echoes, that *in* this relationship alone, not only will they endure all the trials to come, but they will be able to make sense of all that awaits them.

As a hospital chaplain I met the Glira family, whose 6 year old son Matteo was undergoing an intense retina treatment. Each day for 40 days this brave little boy received treatment, part of which required both his eyes to be covered for days at a time. The patches used however, were removed every few days, giving Matteo a short, yet euphoric, glimpse of his mum. Matteo's mum was with him 24/7, holding his hand, speaking to him, feeding and bathing him. He knew she was there, but to see her— that changed everything!

I was present one morning when Matteo's patches were changed. At the glance of his mother's face, his eyes lit-up... it was as if all the pain, agony and *isolation* of the last three days were washed away in a torrent of blissful awe and comfort—the one who made sense of everything... again showed her loving, reassuring face. A glimpse is all it took. What a profoundly human thing to experience, and something I will never forget.

In today's gospel, Jesus reveals but for a brief moment, a depth dimension to his existence, that had not been visible to the naked eye, and yet was certainly always present! Jesus revealed his divinity dwelling perfectly in his humanity and in so doing reminded them, and us, to 'take courage!' as if to comfortingly prompt them: *I am and will always be with you!* The *divine* is dwelling in the midst of the human.

This too is a reminder to us—that things are not always what they seem—when all appears to be lost, when the "chips are down", when God seems more wishful thinking and more distant than ever, Christ whispers a warning: "do not be fooled. I am closer and more aware of all that is going on than you might first think".

The Transfiguration came at a specific time for the disciples—they were to endure a great suffering, which might cause them to question if God was with them, or worse if Jesus was in fact God at all. This moment however strengthens their faith in anticipation. That while there is suffering, while there is pain and confusion, and even doubt... 'I am there'. The ascent up the 'high mountain' then, is preparing them for the ascent to Calvary.

And then there is Peter, who is often ridiculed for his response to the dazzling episode. But is this fair? For the Jewish people, to speak of a tabernacle or tent, promptly recalled the image of the tent in the desert, where the ark of the covenant was kept, the Holy of Holies where the pilgrim people worshiped. This was the place where God dwelt among his people. So what is Peter perhaps saying? Let's build a tent! Why? Because this is where God is dwelling. He recognises God's presence, the Divine in their midst!

Matteo had a moment very similar to the disciples. It was only a glimpse—yet it was a glimpse that strengthen and placed him on the courageous road once more. A glimpse is all he needed, to know that the joy of his heart was always with him, even in the darkness. He was not alone.

On our Lenten journey, and indeed during such a traumatic time for so many around the world, this image rings true once more. *God is with us.* In this season we deny and discipline our senses though our Lenten practises, that they may become more acutely aware and sharpened to this magnificent truth. Every Mass, this same Transfiguration takes place, God reveals His presence in the world. At the elevation of the Host we *glance* upon the divine dwelling in what merely appears human (the Bread) — and just for a brief period all can make sense again.

A blessed Lenten journey, Fr Trenton

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

**Director of Music**

*Jaki Kane*

**RCIA**

*Please keep our candidates & catechumens in your prayers.*

**School of Religion**

*See ad under Parish News.*

**Youth Minister**

*Anh Tran*

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**Weekly Liturgical**

**Calendar**

Mon 1 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Tue 2 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Wed 3 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Thu 4 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Fri 5 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Sat 6 Mar	2nd week of Lent
Sun 7 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent

**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*

**LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT** — 5pm Fridays during Lent, Saint Christopher's Cathedral. This replaces Adoration during Lent.

**WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE:** 18 February – 25 March, Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm. Led by Archbishop Prowse, the renewal experience involves livestreamed teaching, prayer, discussion, community hubs, and Encounter Nights. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Registration and further information is available at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>.

**LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE PARISH GROUP** - You are invited to join our Parish Group to participate in the Archbishop's Lenten Renewal Experience. Please email Leeann Galloway c/- the Parish Office at [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) for further information.

**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.

**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.

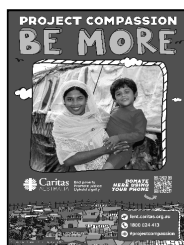
**First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug.

**First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

**Continuing the Journey: the instrumentum laboris** (working document) for the Plenary Council. Continuing the Journey can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-single-pages.pdf>. As at other stages in the Plenary journey, people are encouraged – individually and collectively – to pray with the document. A simple reflection guide has been produced to support us in this.

**Easter Services**—bookings for all services (except Stations of the Cross) will be required through trybooking (links to be advised).

**Chrism Mass** @ SCC—Mon 29 Mar, 5pm; **Holy Thursday** @ SPC—1 Apr, 7pm & SCC 7.30pm; **Good Friday** @ SPC 2 Apr, 10am & The Lord's Passion @ SCC 3pm; **Easter Vigil** @ SCC 3 Apr, 7.30pm; **Easter Sunday** 4 Apr @ SCC 8am, SPC 9.30am, 11am SCC & 5.30pm SCC.



**Project Compassion Sunday**

28th February 2021

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



**Parish Collections**

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider re-commencing 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.

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass 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 at any one time.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST 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—respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- 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. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

**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.



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Church in Need  
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**Aid to the Church in Need:** A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/formation](http://www.aidtochurch.org/formation)

**Raising Fathers**—Tues 2 Mar, 5.30-7.30pm, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, behind the Cathedral. —Robert Falzon will be unpacking the stories and themes of his latest book at a special evening event. Register online <https://cgcatholic.org.au/raisingfathers>.

**Awaken the dream within: Live virtual Catholic women's event.** 5 Mar, 6-9.30pm & 6 Mar, 9am-2.30pm hosted by The Genius Project and Sisterhood. More than just another zoom, this event will be highly engaging, cutting edge, dynamic and interactive. You will come away with practical tools, strategies, wisdom that will not only feed your soul but transform the way you live. Cost \$99.00 per person. Where: your place, this is a virtual event. Register: <https://geniusproject.co/events/>

**World Day Of Prayer**—5 Mar, 11am, Baptist Church Kingston. All welcome. COVID safe practices will be in use. Contact if needed 0419349914.

**Food for Soul and Body**—9 Mar, 6pm-9.30pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. University, TAFE, and College students are invited to meet the local Right to Life Council Members for a light meal and information evening on 'Life Issues'. See Development of Life Models on display. Contact: 0418 718 713, or email [345bevc@gmail.com](mailto:345bevc@gmail.com)

**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary—plant sale;** 11 Mar, 8am-4pm at Jamison Centre. Also 20/21 Mar, 8am-5pm at Belconnen Markets. **Craft stall;** 27/28 Mar, 8am-5pm at Belconnen Markets.

**Men's Cursillo Weekend**—25 Mar 2021. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff ([chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com), 0451 013 772).

**Palms Australia: The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



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**The Catholic Guy Online Lenten Resource**—Journey through Lent with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, with daily devotionals, prayer and reflection materials available via email and online. For more information and registration, go to [www.BruceDownes.org/Lent](http://www.BruceDownes.org/Lent).

**Tribunal of the Catholic Church**—Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra-Goulburn Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Thiago Booth; Archie King;

**Those who are ill:** Bronwen Grey, Katarina Imsinovic, 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

**Anniversaries of death:** Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs, Audrey Fernandec

**Recently Deceased:** Gail Fenton, Colleen Merritt, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbary, Muriel Morgan,

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



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**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:** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**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 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

### Gospel Reading

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors				
Mass	27/28 Feb	6/7 Mar		
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Becky Langworthy	Eleanor Noorli Gabrielle Wright		
6.00pm (SPC)	Scott Pobihun Fiona Wheeler	Mike Nash Geraldene Ford		
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Assigned	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn		
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Jaye Longland	Clarice Poh Wanda Kaucz		
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	Ranee George Jacqueline Hipwell		
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Gabrielle Wright	Becky Langworth Liz Porra		

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