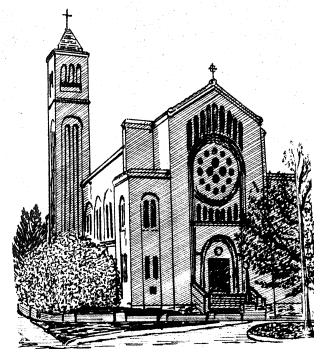




# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



2nd Sunday of Lent -  
Year A  
5th March 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
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Assistant Priest: Fr Alexander Osborne

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**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

### THE TRANSFIGURATION AND THE TRUE MEANING OF SUFFERING

This Second Sunday of Lent, our liturgy is centred on the Transfiguration. Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth. They go up the mountain with their Master, they see Him immersed in prayer and, then "His face shone like the sun". This must have been an overwhelming shock, they saw the glory of God. And then, Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus and speak with. It is a preview of Easter. We see the dead raised to life, Elijah who was brought to heaven in a fiery chariot remains in the presence of God, and returns as was prophesied, Moses who was unable to see God face to face on a different mountain, adores the fullness of God's glory.

Peter shouts out: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here". He and the others see Jesus as He truly is and are standing in the midst of heaven. Why does Our Lord show them this? He tells them to stand up and not be afraid, and then orders them not to tell anyone until He has risen from the dead. Jesus is doing this to prepare them for His passion, He knows that they will not understand the cross, but they might understand the hope of heaven. He shows them their destination, because their journey is unimaginably hard. This is the way for all of us too, we need hope in order to carry the weight of our crosses. Without hope, our faith is suffocated.

The Transfiguration shows us the true meaning of suffering. Suffering is not sado-masochism: it is a necessary but temporary passage. It will end, and it will bring us to something which never ends. Our destination, our goal, our hope is the luminous, bright, heavenly face of Jesus. Our company is Moses and Elijah and all the saints. By revealing his glory in this way, Jesus shows us that the cross, our trials, our difficulties are resolved and overcome in Easter.

So this Lent, let us pray that we can let His light illuminate our darkness.

Fr. Alex



# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

### RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office*

### School of Religion

*Miss Chiara Catanzariti*

#### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Mar 6 2nd Week of Lent  
Tues. Mar 7 2nd Week of Lent  
Wed. Mar 8 2nd Week of Lent  
Thurs. Mar 9 2nd Week of Lent  
Fri. Mar 10 2nd Week of Lent  
Sat. Mar 11 2nd Week of Lent  
Sun. Mar 12 3rd SUNDAY of LENT

## 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.**

## LENT — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00pm, EACH FRIDAY in LENT.  
Saint Christopher's Cathedral



- Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence (no meat).
- Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. In Lent, we omit the "Alleluia" at Mass.

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION—** Confirmation classes start **Thurs 27 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info. Confirmation will take place on Sat 27 May 2023 at 5pm. 1st Reconciliation starts 1 June for 28 June and First Eucharist starts 27 July for 20 August.

**RITE OF THE ELECT—** This weekend many from around the Archdiocese, having made the decision to share in the Catholic Faith, will be welcomed by Archbishop Christopher in the Rite of Election, and will join in the 11am Mass. We joyously congratulate and continue to pray for all preparing for Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. We are blessed to have their witness of faith in our midst. Let us continue to Walk Together, as we draw strength from them in these days of Lent, all moving towards our heavenly home.

**50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House— Sat 25 March 2023.** Gathering in the Haydon Hall, 3-10pm. The 5pm Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Fr Mick Burke joined by the Coffee House Choir group. RSVP by 11th March 2023: Sue Woods [smwoods6@gmail.com](mailto:smwoods6@gmail.com) / 0438 811 742. OR Tricia O'Keefe: [oktricia0@gmail.com](mailto:oktricia0@gmail.com) / 0414 627 267

**50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER— 17 March 2023** Mass of Thanksgiving 6:00pm. Following Mass, we invite all friends of the Cathedral, both new and longstanding, to join our **Anniversary Dinner - Haydon Hall Individual or Table tickets available – trybooking.com/events/landingid=1017990&** or via the QR code



**HELP FOR A YOUNG MUM –** mum, nurse and veteran. One of our beautiful mums from St Bede's, Red Hill, last year relapsed with the aggressive cancer, sarcoma; one of the rarest cancers, impacting about 1 in a million. The sarcoma started in her right thigh, but now metastasised to both lungs. Any financial donations are greatly appreciated that she might continue treatment, and afforded as much time with her children as possible (Yr 4 and Yr 1). *Donations can be made to Parish Account with the Subject Line – Helpmum\_surname* Thank you for your support

**CATECHESIS WITH FR ALEX—on the Sacraments and the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith.** Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or would you like to learn how to answer questions about our faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you've missed out on learning some of the basics? Come and join our monthly adult catechesis. Our first session is: **Baptism and why we bother being Catholic.** Monday 13 March Haydon Hall 6-7pm

**CATHEDRAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY -** Join in a Lenten Bible study based on the book, 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen. We will continue by reflecting on the chapter on **The Younger Son on Monday 6 March 7pm in the Haydon Hall.** Copies of the book are available in the Book Store and additional copies have been ordered. All are welcome



# 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:

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);  
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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/](http://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2023** – Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or at 1800 024 413. “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” – St Pope John Paul II Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations.

**ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER**— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) [cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx](http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx)

**CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT**— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit [caretaxi.com.au](http://caretaxi.com.au), or 0451 734 334.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023**— Friday 3 March at 11am at St Paul's Anglican Church, 70 Canberra Avenue Manuka.

**LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES**—For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you during your Lenten journey. This program is FREE, sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>

**SEEKING HISTORIC PHOTOS**—Please send copies of your historic photos (with description) of Saint Christopher's, to [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au). These will form part of a display for our anniversary year.

**SPIRITUALITY MORNING**—Audio Visual Presentation “Falling Upward” by Fr Richard Rohr. An insightful understanding of our journey as we grow Spiritually, highlighting the richness of what he calls the ‘Second Half of Life.’ **Monday 20 March 10am-12pm** Sisters of Mercy Community Centre Phillip. Further details/ registration, contact Sr Lorraine at [lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com)



## *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:** Anna Vilardi

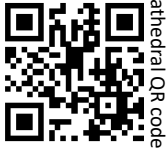
**Those to be married:** Siobhan Livanes & Roberto Dede

**Those who are ill:** Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Sophy, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

**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, Keith McLaughlin, Shirley Evans, Anthony Donohoe, Nuala Kelly, Maura Kelly, Bri Humphreys, Alberto Alfredo Bonansea, Claudia De Salazar, Zoa Molina, Jose Rafael Naar Salazar

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop David O'Connell, Hayden Marsh, Clara Yee, Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine, Remziye Yucel, Shelley Cameron, Tom McClelland, Father Neville Drinkwater OAM, Giuseppe Paragalli, Sheila Langtry, Clare Broe (nee Scully), Jim Molan, Colleen Phillips, Renato Cervo, George Save, Maria Honchera, George Cardinal Pell, Denise Schmidt, Benedict XVI, Vin Kane, Tony Tamer,

## 2nd Sunday of Lent –Year A — 4/5 March



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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:** 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 Tim 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

**Mt 4:1-11**

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.'

### READERS ROSTER FEBRUARY

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	4/5 March	11/12 March	4/5 March	11/12 March	
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Crystal Lavien			
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Fiona Wheeler	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash			
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Ceciley Matthews Phil Pocock			
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Maria Noronha	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh			
11.00am (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Bianca Goh	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway		Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	Solange Pereira Kevin Woods			

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