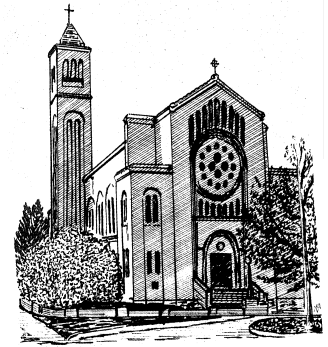




Cathedral QR code

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A -
25 Oct 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

**Masses will be offered
with a maximum of 139
people present until
further notice.**

PARISH OFFICE

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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

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

Dear friends,

God is close. What a year it has been, yet let us take courage in these days. Think of that feeling a mother has gazing into the eyes of her child for the first time. Or the feeling of a man at the foot of the sanctuary, waiting for the woman he is about to marry. What about that feeling a woman has as she sits by the bedside of her dying father. The feeling of hope welling up as a little boy finds his mum after being lost in a crowd? Or the agony of a mother waiting late into the night for her son to return home. What are these moments? Many would call these moments, moments of love. Yet these experiences are not just coincidental, nor unrelated. Rather they speak of something far more deeply embedded in our nature; something far more eternal that dwells within us!

Gathering around Jesus, not in devotion, but to 'test' him, a Pharisee, an 'expert in the law' asks: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" That is to say, which is the commandment that undergirds all others? If you had to pick one, which would it be? Jesus responds: *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* And intriguingly he does not stop there. Notice that while the pharisee only asks for *one* response - the greatest commandment - not the second, third or fourth, Jesus continues, as if to say the first and second cannot be separated. *"And the second... the second is like it: you must love your neighbour as yourself."* See what Jesus is revealing here.

Jesus teaches that the seemingly most obvious of all the commandments, even for many today - the love of neighbour - is only *made possible* by and thus lies secondary to, the first and greatest commandment of all. This first primordial commandment is that which allows all other relationship to exist. One cannot love God without loving the other; those placed in one's life.

Jesus calls us to consider that every relationship we share, the emotions that drive our passion to love... the feelings which we delight in... do not exist, without God! After all, *God is Love* (1 Jn 4:8), and when we love, we are (quite literally) experiencing what it is to participate in God. "[W]hoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them" (1 Jn 4:16).

Many today reduced 'being Christian' to simply 'love of neighbour' - but what Christ reveals is that to *love the other...* is the fruit of God's love dwelling in us. The relationships we cherish, admire and long for are not only proof of God's existence, but proof that we live in God; a God who is always close, the very fabric of our relationships.

So, let us take heart in these days. God is that Love overwhelming a mother as she gazes into the eyes of her child. God is that Love that a man has when he is mesmerised by the woman he loves. God is the Love of the woman as she longs to comfort and take the pain away from her dying father. God is that hope that floods a child's heart upon being reunited with his parents!

When Jesus pronounced the love of God as the great commandment, he also said it was the *first* commandment - the foundation and reality from which all other moments of love flow and have life. Lord, in this coming week, help us to genuinely love and serve you, and so love those you have placed in our daily life. Amen.

Fr Trenton van Reesch
Cathedral Administrator

PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION
'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Fr Trenton van Reesch

Contact office to register you interest for next RCIA program.

School of Religion

Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 26 Oct 30th week in Ordinary Time
Tue 27 Oct 30th week in Ordinary Time
Wed 28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
Thu 29 Oct 30th week in Ordinary Time
Fri 30 Oct 30th week in Ordinary Time
Sat 31 Oct 30th week in Ordinary Time
Sun 1 Nov All Saints Day

Legion of Mary

Thursdays, 5pm, Crypt
Contact: 0431 060 556

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

Young Adults Bible Study

Thursday 6.30pm, Hayden Hall
chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

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

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

Permanent livestreaming cameras have been installed at the Cathedral for the 11am Mass. There may be occasions when the congregation is filmed as part of the livestreaming.

STILL NOT TOO LATE! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you baptised, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA is the journey through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. It is also for those who simply wish to learn and grow more. Contact Cathedral Office to express interest. **Sessions begin 29th October in the Parish Office**

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are found amongst your Planned Giving Envelopes and at the Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed on either collection box, placed in the baskets in front of the altar or dropped into the parish office. Please print clearly.

Notice about Covid-19 Restrictions: Thank you for adhering to the Covid-19 protocols in our parish. Changes came about so fast and we have responded magnificently. We are now able to gather in the Cathedral up to 139, and up to 100 at SPC. It is, however, most important that we do not become complacent. Please ensure you continue to sanitise your hands frequently and wipe your pew upon exiting.

Request for Covid Marshalls for weekend Masses— It is essential that Covid restrictions are adhered to in our churches which includes ensuring the correct number of people are in the church at any given time. A small number of people continue to sign in incorrectly with more than one name per line. The parish office is requesting volunteers who can ensure the correct procedure is followed. This would require you arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

Weekend Mass Sign In sheets: Please ensure that when signing in for Mass, there is only one name per line. Sheets are marked with the permitted gathering size to ensure this is achieved.

NEW! Download the CHECK IN CBR App: To assist further with our Covid hygiene and data collection requirements during weekday Masses and daily visits, we have introduced the "Check In Cbr" App. This can be used instead of manually signing. The App is free, download onto your smartphone and register, then, simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter! All data is secure, it saves time and you won't have to touch a pen! Please note this will only be in used during weekdays. **WEEKEND MASSES MUST REMAIN MANUAL SIGNING IN** - to ensure numbers are not exceeded.

Weekend Collections: All Collection Stations receive Planned Giving envelopes and all other offerings. We continue to provide Tap & Go PayWave machines. Just tap your debit or credit card. You can also download the Qkr! App to select directly where your donations go, incl. archdiocesan missions. Please contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or monthly Credit Card deductions for both collections. Thank you for generous support.

Cathedral Repairs - The Cathedral is currently undergoing repair work after damage caused by the infamous hail storm and some other water damage built up over some years. The works will be completed within the week and we apologise for any inconvenience and the obstructed view of the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as these works are completed.

Young Adults HOME Groups – We're coming back for another round of our Catechetical and fraternal initiative. Taking place on Wednesdays from October 14 till November 11th (6- 7.30pm) HOME Groups will cover 6 sessions. These sessions are about hangout out with friends and talking about the deeper questions of faith. We'll go through different topics on the Catholic Faith in a relax, informal way. Please RSVP your interest: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au. Come and deepen the interior life and be equipped with the necessary truths to live out boldly and generously the Catholic Faith. Cost: \$30, will purchase the book Evangelium for each participant, and will be the material used for each session.

Explorers Primary Age Youth Group: Sunday's at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's our Primary youth group **Young Adventurers**, will gather at SPC before 9:30am Mass.

Young adults and professionals: **Young Adults Brunch—25 Oct**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

New ways of Giving

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

More information:

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/>

NEW PROTOCOLS - Please familiarize yourself with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, **only 139 people** are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is to be received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm 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 the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided at entrances.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.

Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion. Blue squares on the tiles mark this distance. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

 **Mission Sunday Appeal – Thank you!** Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your prayers and financial support.. Your generosity makes it possible for the Church, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, in Cambodia, to continue making the love of Jesus Christ real - both spiritually and materially. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholic-mission.org.au/contact. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia**



Multicultural Mass—25 Oct, 11am. Join us for the Multicultural Online Marian Procession and Mass. Led by our ethnic communities, the event is an opportunity for all to pray the Rosary online and to celebrate together our annual multicultural Mass (live-streamed). Find out more at the Catholic Voice www.catholicvoice.org.au.

Archbishop's Day of Teaching—Do not be afraid! Hosted by CCR. Sat 7 Nov, 10am-4.30pm, St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla. Each year the Archbishop calls together all people in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching. This year the theme is "Do not be Afraid!" All are welcome to join us. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship and prayer ministry. Holy Mass at 12:15pm. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5. The day is free, a collection will be taken for the work of the CCR. To register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BLXWI> or text your name to Maida on 0423 658 326" Register: www.ccract.org.au. Contact Maida 0423 658 326.

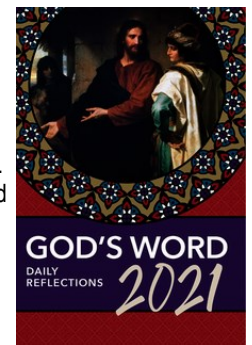
Engaged Encounter Retreat—7-8 Nov. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Info: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the weekends: November 7-8 or February 20-21 .

Online Catholic Prayer/Sharing Groups—Are you after a deeper walk with God? Does sharing the faith journey sound uplifting? Call to Connect (CTC) online prayer/sharing groups facilitate this. A free user friendly starter kit on email with 30 minute sessions ready to go and a Leader's guide & Notes included. Enquiries and/or kit to Bronnie (calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com).

Christmas Stall—28-29 Nov, 8am-5pm, Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment and items for the comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Phone Pat 0403 797 192.

St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers— Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year . Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops

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A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Amber Gurr

Those who are ill: Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum

Anniversaries of death: Victor Res, William Patrick Boyle, Dorothy Whitfield, William Slanislaw James Duffy, Millie & Dick Millwood, Alice Campbell, Phyllis Regazzi, Baby Lillianna Fulop, Kathleen Scott, Annie Kelly, Mick Enderby, Kath McIntosh, Guerino Belmonte, Jack Kenny, Vicente Suazo, Elibeth De Salazar, Zoia De Salazar, Herusan Romero & son,

Recently Deceased: EPrain Barbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims, Tom Hallahan, Effie McKeogh, Carmel MacDonagh, Michael Somes, ,

Readings of the Day – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*

First Reading

Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Second Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Reading

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	24/25 Oct	31 Oct/1 Nov		
5.00pm (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Steward Unwin	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	n/a	n/a
6.00pm (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Frances Bulbrook	Scott Pobihun Fiona Wheeler	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Assigned	Liza Quinn Phillip Pocock	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Colliss Parrett Wanda Kaucz	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Mark Hyman Bronwen Grey	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	n/a	n/a

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