



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

30th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
29th October 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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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

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 YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CELEBRATIONS

All Saint's Day Gathering

In only a few days, people all over the world will celebrate Halloween. To me, this is a really interesting phenomenon; I don't think that these people believe in ghosts or ghouls or monsters. Nor that they would say there is any particular reason to dress up as one of them on the 31st. Halloween is the commercialized hybrid of All-Souls Day and the Celtic feast of Samhain, it isn't a feast of importance to any existing people or faith. There's no reason for Halloween to be celebrated. Yet, despite Halloween's lack of meaning and relevance it is adored, and fortunes are spent on it each year.

People love Halloween because it is fun, not because they believe in it. They enjoy dressing up, eating sweets and decorations. It is meaningless spooky fun.

Now, rather than an empty show of frivolity, wouldn't it be better to celebrate something we actually believe in?

If there was a day to celebrate soon, surely All Saints Day is the best. The feast of All Saints is a celebration like no other:

- We celebrate the victory of goodness over evil,
- We give thanks to God for the thousands of named and officially recognised saints as well as for the millions of unrecognised saints,
- By celebrating the saints, we celebrate and honour our own histories,
- We celebrate our own hope of heaven,

We encourage each other to do good, and to be our true best, and most important of all we celebrate the never ending joy of heaven.

So rather than dressing up as imaginary monsters, why not dress as a real hero? Why celebrate imaginary fear, when we can celebrate true love?

Come and join the Cathedral Parish as we celebrate the never-ending joy of the saints. This Sunday, October 29th 2023, in the Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street Forrest after the 11am Mass.

All are welcome to join the All-Saints Day party!

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite saints, entertainment and activities have been planned, and food has been generously provided.

ALL SAINTS DAY

AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA
Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Oct 30 30th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Oct 31 30th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Nov 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
Thu. Nov 2 ALL SOULS DAY
Fri. Nov 3 30th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Nov 4 30th Week in Ord. Time
St Charles Borromeo
Sun Nov 5 31st SUNDAY ORD.TIME

PARISH GROUPS

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.

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS DAY MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES – Wednesday 1 November 2023
Mass Times: St Christopher's: **7:30am, 12:15pm and 5:00pm**

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES – Thursday 2 November 2022
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Mass Times: St Christopher's: **7:30am, 12:15pm and 5:00pm**

IMPORTANT NOTICE— Please note, on the 4th November, the 12:15pm midday Mass will be held at 12pm for a Charismatic Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES available at Church exits. Completed envelopes can be returned on collection plates or the parish office. Please print clearly.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BOOK OF LIFE INSCRIPTIONS — Parishioners seeking to have names of deceased loved ones inscribed in the *Cathedral's perpetual Book of Life*, located in the Cathedral *All Souls Chapel*, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by **November 12**. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The *Chapel* is open daily, for quiet prayer.

Catechesis with Fr. Alex — Every Monday 6:30-8pm at Haydon Hall, food and wine provided. Our next topic will be on **Exorcism– the occult & spiritual warfare**

DIACONATE ORIDINATION— With thanksgiving, you are invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Seminarian Mark Ha on **Friday 3rd November, 2023, 5:00pm**, at St Christopher's Cathedral.

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR RELIGIOUS—You are invited to join the **11am Sunday Mass on 5 November** as we recognize and celebrate the generous Service of Men and Women from various Religious Orders.

Mission Sunday – Thank you—Thank you to all who contributed to the Mission Sunday Appeal last week. Your donations will provide much needed support to missionaries, particularly in Timor-Leste. If you have yet to bring back your envelope please do so by next week, or you can contact Catholic Mission direct.

CCR & ARCHBISHOP'S RETREAT DAY—You are invited to the Archbishop's Teaching Day for Charismatic Renewal on Saturday 4 November 8:30am to 2pm at Haydon Hall. Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse & Br Lalith Perera from Sri Lanka. Holy Mass, worship, preaching, prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register, <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486>. For more information call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saint Rose of Lima
1586-1617

Feast: 23 August

While her parents wanted her to grow up and marry well, St Rose knew from a young age that she wanted to dedicate her life to God and prayed constantly. While refusing her parents' encouragement to marry and hiding her beauty, St Rose lived a life of penance and solitude at home. Towards the end of her life, she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick.



Saint Martin de Porres
1579-1639

Feast: 3 November

St Martin grew up in a poor family, which he worked to help support his mother. St Martin became a lay Dominican brother and founded the orphanage of the Holy Cross. He was also friends with St Rose. St Martin experienced discrimination for the colour of his skin and so he vowed to accept everyone - even if they weren't accepted by society. St Martin's life was one of performing ordinary tasks with extraordinary dedication to God and prayer.



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:

BSB: 062786 Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral
Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

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/

Thank you for your generosity

Synod of Bishops: Methodology, Media coverage & more Resources - For those of you interested in following along with the Synodal process. Please see the below links: Aus Synodal Church: catholic.org.au/synodalchurch & on the official website for the Synod 2021-2024: synod.va/en.html

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

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter & health needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— for the **St Vincent de Paul Emergency Relief Helpline** at Yarralumla. Duties include answering calls and taking requests. Training included, in a friendly, supportive environment. Hours to suit you. For more information, please call the helpline 62822722

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY— People are invited to apply for the part time position Parish Secretary for St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. Tues-Friday 9am-12noon. Please phone 6295 7879 or email narrabundah@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above & duty statement to the Parish Priest, Fr Rembert Fernando Rembert.fernando@cg.org.au

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024** For further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com

Welcomers— The Cathedral Parish is looking for warm welcomers to greet parishioners once or twice a month at the Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 8am or 5pm Masses. If you are interested in joining us as we build on this integral ministry, please contact the Parish Office for details.



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be married: Cinzia Nash & Peter Crncevic, Christopher Beckhouse & Mia Daly

Those to be baptised: Leo Zaffina and Lachlan Cottle

Those who are ill: Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

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, Raymond Fry, Stanley Marris, Tony Quinn, Agostino Luongo, Joy Swinney, Lino Farronato, Hilaron and Anita Pahate, Medardo Balmaceda, Veneranda Balneg, Jack Kenny, Raymond Fry

Recently Deceased: Anita Ong-Siong Sy, Mgr Rob Egar, Rosa Mustapic, Pamela Rotmwell, Norma May, Ethel Lee, Francesco Calabria, Domenico Mico, Anton Sampath, Michael Miley, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Prof. David Sim, Pauline Maher, Maria Baliva, Frank Commissio

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 28/29 Oct



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Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
Responsorial: 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

Exodus 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 Thessalonians 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

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.’

READERS ROSTER OCTOBER				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	28/29 Oct	4/5 Nov	28/29 Oct	4/5 Nov
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Dorilyn Desuyo	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Damian Balachandran	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin		
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Bronwen Grey	Religious	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Samuel Thatcher Sarah Thatcher	Solange Pereira Kevin Woods		

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