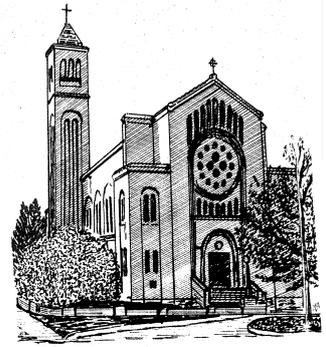


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
24 Oct 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias



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St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
are currently open to
limited numbers and
restrictions.

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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),
5.00pm **Note new time*

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

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

One mistake often made when many think about 'faith' or 'religion', is to simply look at 'the Church' externally, and not always *Jesus*, and so, *Who* the Church really is. Looking in from the outside, some, even Christians, can often focus solely upon the broken community of disciples, which seem so obvious in the midst of the world.

Yet if one's faith and understanding is based solely on this perception of 'the Church', while not being aware of *Who* She is, then their faith and understanding of Jesus is on a very shaky and even unreasonable foundation.

In an inspiring and beautiful way, today's gospel reminds us why this perception has always seemingly existed. Indeed, the disciples and followers of Jesus, don't exactly do the image any favours...

The story of Bartimaeus reflects where the learning Church has always found herself. At first glance it appears to merely a story of a blind beggar, fortunate enough to have his sight restored. Yet as the story delves deeper we begin to notice that it is speaking of you and I, the Church.

As Jesus leaves Jericho 'with his disciples and a large crowd', Bartimaeus begins to shout: 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And isn't the reaction interesting, 'many of them scolded him... and told him to keep quiet.' But he shouts all the louder. And who hears his call? Not the crowd, nor the disciples, but *only Jesus*. "Call him to me!" Jesus instructs. At this the man throws off his cloak, the only thing he possesses, now considered worthless compared to possessing Jesus!

Reflecting on this magnificent scene, Pope Francis notes the "temptations for those who follow Jesus." He says: "Firstly, none of the disciples stopped, as Jesus did. They continued to walk, going on as if nothing were happening. If Bartimaeus was blind, they were deaf! ... this can be our danger too. Like the disciples, we can be *with* Jesus but we do not think *like* [Jesus] We are in his group...[yet] risk becoming habitually unmoved by grace. We're able to speak about Him and work for Him, but do we live far from His heart?"

Notice however, that Jesus does *not* condemn the disciples for their lack of awareness, but instead gently teaches and *uses* them. 'Bring him to me', he says. At which point the disciples, recognising Jesus' ways, do exactly that, "courage" they say to the man. It is a moment of teaching for his Church. A gentle glance, a smile, maybe even a raised eyebrow to his disciples as they began to move off again. "You've always got to be listening guys..." he seems to remind them.

For the God who walks among us, *uses us*, his Church, as frail as we are, to call others to himself and to his Body and Blood in the Sacraments.

We *are* a wounded Church, which should never be surprising. We always have been, and always will be – yet that is not the issue. Indeed, Jesus tells us, the Church exists for the broken (Mk 2:17). The issue is when the wounded disciples don't listen to the God walking and speaking in their midst.

Today's Gospel is a sober reminder of our weakness, yet more truly it is a reminder of our strength as those bound to Christ's Body. Weakness is never the issue. The Church is the faithful crowd with Jesus at its centre, who walks in the midst of us, who don't always understand, yet continue to learn from him. Our responsibility is to listen to him and so to others, bring to Jesus those who cry out. Jesus unites himself with, and continues to walk among his disciples, and *he is proud to do so*; for it is through that same humanity that Jesus in his Church becomes God's instrument and voice in the world.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 25 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Tue 26 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Wed 27 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Thu 28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude, apostles
Fri 29 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sat 30 Oct Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 31 Oct 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH GROUPS

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm

Haydon Hall—(Has resumed on Zoom)

St Vincent de Paul

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.

OPENING UP – ST CHRISTOPHER’S CATHEDRAL PARISH

You can now attend Mass in person. All parish Mass times have recommenced, noting 5:30pm Sunday has moved to 5:00pm at SCC. Confessions will returning to normal scheduling this week, please note: ONLY 25 people to enter at any one time.

- Strictly 25 people maximum at each Mass.
- Masks MUST be worn at all times.
- All must use the Check-in CBR App.
- You must pre-book on TRYBOOKING (see cg.org.au/cathedral for booking links.)

ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION UPDATE – Thank you for your ongoing Mass offerings. It is important to keep you up-to-date of how collections sit in the Archdiocese. Currently, 9 Canberra parishes cover the cost of their priest(s); 5 Canberra parishes do not. 2 rural parishes cover the cost of their priest(s); 12 rural parishes do not. Our Parish Finance Council thanks you for your continuing financial support and understanding of our Clergy and the running of our parish. Please visit our parish website for EFT details & other ways to donate.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS, SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – The 2 year Synodal Path with the call to *encounter, listen and discern* has begun. The Universal Church now embarks on a similar journey we’ve experienced in our Plenary Council. The People of God are invited to make submissions via an online portal from October 17. This will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Visit catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

NEW CHECK IN CBR CARD NOW AVAILABLE—for people who don’t own a smartphone to use the check In CBR app. This new card can be scanned at most venues. Apply online at covid19.act.gov.au/check-in-CBR-card or call 5124 5000.

NOVEMBER TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN— Tues 2 Nov, 6.30pm, in the Cathedral. Those who have lost children of any age, are invited to contact the Parish Office with their child’s name, so that a special card can be made up and placed upon the altar during the Mass on the 2nd of November.

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 Oct. 22. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The *Chapel* is open daily for quiet prayer (subject to current lockdowns).

CHANGE OF DATE— MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE — 6.00pm, Nov 13, 2021. A time of prayer and hymns ‘*in memoriam*’, requested in memory of deceased loved ones. To request hymn in memory of a loved one and for enquires, please contact the Cathedral Music Director, Jaki Kane: jakikane@hotmail.com by 1 November.



THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH—SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Eucharist classes **continues via zoom on 19 Oct** for 31 Oct Mass. Information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

OTHER NEWS

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Mon-Sat at 12.15pm & Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Giving and Receiving— safer ways to your offering, during this pandemic and into the future. **Direct debit** and **QKR** options are available, as well as **TapnGo** machines (when we return to Masses 'in person'). **Thank you sincerely for your generosity.** Please continue to make your offering during this time, if you are able, and perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit.

The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offer to this first collection 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 mission and maintenance of the parish. 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

Or... Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

You can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Please include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number.

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — Despite lockdown we are taking orders. We can take payments over the phone and customers can collect curbside. Please email us at: catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au or go online www.catholicbookshop.org.au

BLACKFRIARS LECTURE; HOW DOES SOCIAL CAPITAL ENHANCE HEALTH AND WELLBEING? - 2 Nov, 6pm. Dr Ursula Stephens, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. (former CEO of Catholic Social Services Aust.) ACU Canberra, Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, ACU Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson. RSVP ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au by 29 October. This is a free public lecture.

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED—6 Nov.- consists of 6 sessions held over two consecutive Saturdays. Topics include communication skills, how to build a stronger marriage, and the Sacrament of Marriage. The course also includes lots of private time for you to discuss issues raised with your fiancé. Catholics with fiancés of different faiths are very welcome. Contact: prugordon@gmail.com

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT—13-14 Nov 2021 of Feb 19-20 2022— How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

SUPPORT— If you or someone you know needs extra support. Lifeline: 13 11 14, Kids' Helpline: 1800 551 80, Confidential Helpline: 1800 737 732, **CatholicCare: 6162 6100.** Never hesitate to contact us at the Parish Office.

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

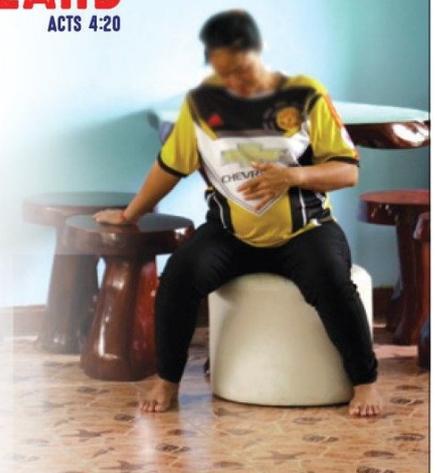
Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Miles Asumadu

Those who are ill: Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

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, Fr Lloyd Reynolds & Fr Joseph Staunton, Maria R Lucas Montiel, Tony Quinn, Graziella Foieni

Recently Deceased: Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeney, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning, Richard Brophy, Ulderico Barzi, Sr.



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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 Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!*

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

First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Reading

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	23/24 Oct	30/31 Oct	
5.00pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Becky Langworthy Stewart Unwin	
6.00pm (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Felicity de Fombelle	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	
11.00am (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Bronwen Grey	Mark Hyman Ceciley Matthews	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Hall O'Meagher	Liz Porra Jacob Madden	

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