

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year C

26/27 Oct 2019

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



Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung) & cuppa
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Saturday: 12.15pm

Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am

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—12.00pm

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration & Benediction

St Christopher's:

Friday weekly 5-6pm.

Adoration: First Friday of the
month 12.45-2pm.

Holy Hour & Benediction for dis-
cernment of Priestly vocations:
1st Thurs of the month 7-8pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: 2nd & 4th
Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: 3rd
Sun, 10.30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

By arrangement

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish.

Thank you to all who have completed and returned Commitment Sunday forms. If you are yet to fill out or return one, please do so, that new ministry rosters can begin to be formulated. I remind those in ministries already that they too should fill out a form.

For some weeks now our Parish has been running the RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and older children) is for those who, seeking Jesus, feel drawn to the Catholic faith. This is a journey into a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic way of life. The journey however always takes place within the living Body of Christ. We are all journeying as a parish community therefore with those seeking baptism and full communion with Christ's Body; so let us intentional pray for and support those in the program in these months and indeed years ahead.

At the beginning of the RCIA I always listen to the candidates stories and wow, does this put things into focus. In almost every story, the central conduit of why they wanted to find and know Christ and the Christian faith more, was a parishioner. We shouldn't be surprised at this! Whether a sister-in-law, another family member, a neighbour or just a stranger whom they had very few encounters with. In some cases it was a person they'd met once and never again – but who witnessed their faith and whose faith made a difference. In the words of one, this person was generous and content in an 'otherworldly way'. This is what draws many in and attracts them to Jesus and to His Church. It isn't necessarily what we say, but what we preach, not by words but by example, by the sympathetic influence of what we do and the evident fullness of the love that the Christian heart, the disciple's heart, bears for Christ. Through His Body (His members) Jesus does draw people to Himself.

This weekend is the annual Marian procession in Galong. Mary is the first, most faithful and perfect example of discipleship. Many of the Church Fathers often speak of Our Lady using the image of the moon. This is a beautiful way to contemplate our own understanding of who we are as those who seek to follow as disciples of her Son, and bring other to Him also. Just as the moon produces no light in and of itself but humbly, only ever reflects the light of the sun (especially in the darkest of nights)... so to the Christian. Mary models this in her faith, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word!" (Lk 1:38). These words are the catch-cry of every Christian!

The Light Mary reflects is the Glory of her Son (not the s-u-n, but the S-o-n) and so too we must reflect only this light to the world... indeed, it's the only real light we have (and the only Light people truly want!)

With all going on in our parish and Archdiocese let us continue to grow in our knowledge of who we truly are, His Body, moons reflecting always and only His light, that people might come to know and love Him. And let us press on in witness to the Love that God is bestowing upon all who open their heart to His consoling and transforming love. Let us pray as the Body we are, for these prospective members of Christ's Body and let us always pray for each other, the family of God.

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

Liturgy Rosters

Gabrielle Wright & Scott Pobihun

RCIA

Fr Trenton van Reesch

School of Religion

Charlotte D'Cruze

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Young Adults

Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation

Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation

*Saturday at 5pm SPC
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

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.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2019—"In the same way all of us, though many, make up one body in Christ, and as different parts, we are all joined to one another" (Rm.12:5). In the body of Christ, the Church, we are blessed with so many different gifts to be shared through various ministries. During October there will be available a Commitment Sunday form which outlines these ministries and invites you to discern and nominate yourself for one or more. Please take a form home and pray about how you might contribute to a ministry, recalling the words of St. Peter when he said, "each one of us has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others" (1 Pt. 4:10). Forms may be returned anytime to the Office or on a collection plate.

LEGION OF MARY – Will meet again on Wednesday 30 October at 6.15pm in Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral). Members meet for prayer, spiritual reading and apostolic works. All most welcome to attend. Enquiries: Rick – 0490 233 999 or Jasmin – 0431 060 556.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): RCIA is the process through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. Let us keep those people in our prayers. **Sessions continue 31 October**, 6pm, Parish Office, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. Contact the Cathedral Office to express your interest.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—1 November at 12.45-2pm at the Cathedral.

VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated on Friday 1 November at 6.00pm. All are welcome to join with the Cathedral Choir in song and prayer on this Solemnity.

TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN: November 2nd marks the feast of **All Souls**. In November especially we remember all those who have died. We are also acutely aware of the pain felt by families left behind, especially when they are our children who have gone before us. A Mass for all those who have lost babies and children will be held on the evening of **Friday 8th of November in Saint Christopher Cathedral at 7:00pm**. Those who have lost children are warmly invited to record their child's name on a card provided (alternatively please let the office know and a card can be made up for you). On the evening you are invited to light a candle to be placed before the altar. In our times of grief let us forever be consoled by Christ :

"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"... "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes such a child in My name welcomes Me..." (Matt 18:1, 3-5).

ST CHRISTOPHER'S BOOK OF LIFE INSCRIPTIONS: Parishioners seeking to have the names of deceased loved ones inscribed in the Cathedral's perpetual Book of Life, located in the All Souls Chapel at the back of the Cathedral, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by 18 Oct. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The All Souls Chapel is open daily for quiet, prayerful remembrance.

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

MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE: The Cathedral Choir will hold a memorial hymn service on **10 November at 6.30pm**. This will be a service of prayers and hymns requested by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. The hymns 'in memoriam' will be sung by the choir and congregation together. The choir will use the new Rodgers Organ, positioned in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This organ has been purchased by the parish with generous financial contributions from the Archdiocese, the Cathedral Choir, and an individual private donor. Parishioners are invited to contribute to the organ purchase, by making a donation and proposing a hymn in memory of their loved ones. A suggested donation amount is \$75. For further enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Music Director, Jaki Kane. jakikane@hotmail.com

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR—Parish order: Orders are being taken now for the 2020 Columban Calendar. Each calendar is \$9 but the price may reduce to less than \$7 if we have more than 20 ordered. Please call or email the Parish Office on 6239 9846 to place your order by 15 Nov.

SUPPER AFTER SPC NOVEMBER 16 VIGIL MASS—Paul and Felicity de Fombelle invite SPC parishioners to Supper after the November 16 Vigil Mass to show their thanks for your support and prayers following Etienne's death. Vicar-General Fr Tony Percy will celebrate the Mass and the Supper will be in the parish rooms next door. For catering purposes, please RSVP to <http://bit.ly/EtienneDeFombelle>

OTHER NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: Perth, 8-10 Dec 2019. ACYF is the biggest national gathering of Catholic young people in Australia. Experience live bands and international speakers, engaging workshops, powerful prayer experiences and more. Explore the diversity and beauty of the Catholic Church with over 5,000 other youth and young adults from around Australia. The Archdiocese will be taking a small group (18 & over). Costs: appr. \$1,550 pp. Info: Huw.Warmenhoven@cg.org.au.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING on "One in Christ Jesus" Sat 2 Nov, Haydon Hall, Forrest, 9am-4pm. For more information and to register, call Susanna 0419902293, Maida 0423658326, or Neda 0415266019.

MEN ALIVE Mass—Mon. 4 Nov 5.30pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Drinks and fellowship afterwards in Manuka.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND - 8-10 Nov. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wmme.org.au. Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE—Fri 8 Nov, 6pm, St Joseph's Church O'Connor. To include a loved one in the liturgy, email catherine.m.paice@gmail.com or call/text 0415 154 784. A light supper will follow which will be an opportunity to meet others who live with the impact of suicide. Specialist counsellors will be present to provide support.

MISSION ADVENTURE? Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Learn more: 11 am, Sat. 16 Nov., King O'Malley's Pub, 131 City Walk, Civic. Tony Bozicevic and Ivapene Seiuli will share their experience of communities in Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and explain how sharing your skills with Palms support can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Call Palms Mon-Fri on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au.

THE ORIANA CHORALE CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC, 4pm, 17 Nov., Girls' Grammar Chapel, conducted by Dan Walker. The programme includes settings of the Seven Last Words from the Cross by Heinrich Schütz and James MacMillan, as well as Arvo Pärt's Sieben Magnificat-Antiphonen. Bookings are at <http://orianachorale.com/>

SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT CARD/MAHJONG DAY FOR L'ARCHES—18 Nov, Canberra Bowling Club, Hobart Ave, Forrest, 10am-2pm. Cost \$25, includes lunch, wine or juice, tea & coffee. Proceeds go to L'Arche Genesaret, an intentional faith-based community of people with and without intellectual disability. To book a table of four, please call by 11th November to Di on 6241 2658 or Mary on 6258 1739.

QUIET DAY - Sat. 23 Nov 9.30am-3pm, Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Kerrie Hide will lead this day on the theme of Living in Presence and being open to divine life within and around us. Contact Alice-Anne Macnaught aamacnaught@gmail.com 0414 790 201 for more information and to register. Cost \$25 pp (cash only on arrival). Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. Rego by 19th Nov.

MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER—23 Nov, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin, 7.30pm. Support the training of Catholic Military Chaplains while listening to Mr David Smith MP (Member for Bean ACT) and being entertained by the RMC Band Brass Quintet. Cost is \$55.00 per person for a two course hot buffet dinner and the event is BYO. Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross. Only 75 tickets available. Tickets: Bob Perkins: 6247 2977.

WISDOM OF THE DESERT RETREAT—29 Nov, St Clements's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. An explanation of what humanity is when it is in touch with God through Jesus Christ led by Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie. Email info@stclement.com.au or P 02 6380 5222.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of Aid to the Church in Need is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call 1800 101 201 during business hours to arrange.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT - The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

SAVE OUR CHAPLAINS CAMPAIGN — starting next week, this campaign seeks the reversal of the ACT government's decision to ban school chaplaincy in ACT government schools at the end of this year. You are encouraged to visit www.saveourchaplains.org & 1. vote 'Yes'; 2. like the Facebook page & 3. if on Twitter or Instagram, follow the campaign accounts links to the campaign website.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.



Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the "desert blooms with the life that lies in wait." We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Dylan Wall

Those to be married: Michael Taurasi & Sarah Harding; Josh Sammak & Emily Nemes

Those who are ill: John Beckhouse, Tom Kilmartin, Lucy Duncan, David Cusack, Peter Sutherland, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Betty O'Neill, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin

Anniversaries of death: Tony Quinn, 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

Recently Deceased: Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano, Rosalie Novak, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson, John Arganese, Antonio Russo, Salvatore Persico of Turin,

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

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 hears the cry of the poor.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!*

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

First Reading

Eccs 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Second Reading

2 Tim 4:6-8; 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	26/27 Oct	2/3 Nov	26/27 Oct	2/3 Nov
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldene Ford Cecilia Flores	Frances Bulbrook Felicity de Fombelle	Pieter van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buskingham
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Mineke Peerboom	Kristina Faigl Philip Pocock	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mineke Peerboom
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Wanda Kaucz	Lynn Chan Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Bronwen Grey	Ceciley Matthews Gabrielle Wright	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwell Grey
5.30pm (SCC)	Peter Carrigy-Ryan Mineke Peerboom	Jonathan Lee Peter Carrigy-Ryan	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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