

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

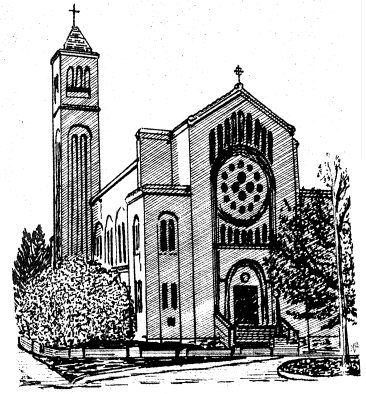
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year C

2/3 Nov 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.

During November our beautiful Catholic faith meditates on the Body of Christ in a particular way. On the feast of *All Saints* (Nov 1st), we invoked those faithful who now gaze upon the face of God (*the Church Triumphant*). On *All Souls* day (Nov 2nd) we prayed for the faithful departed and those in purgatory (*the Church Penitent*); and of course we, here, remain the pilgrim faithful journeying on (*the Church Militant*) (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 954-62). This makes us the full Body of Christ, what Saint Augustine called the *totus Christus* (the *whole Christ*). Let us pray throughout November for all those who have died; family, friends, and especially those with no one to pray for them. As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. We must pray for the dead always, but especially in this Month of the Holy Souls, let us devote some time every day, that they might remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In October 2020 the Church in Australia will gather for the **Plenary Council**. All are invited to participate in the next phase of preparation, a time of *listening and communal discernment*. This includes those Catholics who have 'fallen away' or perhaps become lukewarm in their faith. On the 19th of November we will gather for the first of six sessions, each focusing on **one of the six themes** identified in the first phase. Join us as we pray, contemplate, share and send our responses, to shape the program for the Council in 2020. Let us not forget the Council's seminal question. 'What do you think God is asking of the Australian Church at this time?' Archbishop Christopher reminds us that "we are to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us in these challenging times." What "God is asking of us" not what "we are asking of God." This is crucial. We don't seek to, nor can we change the nature of the Church. We can however, change the way we approach our mission. More information to come!

Let us continue to pray for the council, our parish and the Church in Australia, but most especially, let us remain faithful to who She is calling us to be as this great Sacrament of unity.

May we consecrate our Archdiocese and our communities again to the protection of Mary, the first amongst the faithful.



Fr Trenton

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of
Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of
the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite
all your people in Aus-
tralia
and guide us on the
pilgrim way of the
Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to
see your face in one
another
and to recognise Jesus,
our companion on the
road.

Give us the courage to
tell our stories
and to speak boldly of
your truth.

Give us ears to listen
humbly to each other
and a discerning heart
to hear what you are
saying.

Lead your Church into
a hope-filled future,
that we may live the
joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ
our Lord,
bread for the journey
from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Chris-
tians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us.

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
Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Charlotte D'Cruze

Legion of Mary

Wednesday at 6.15pm
Haydon Hall

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.

5.30PM MASS, ST PETER CHANELS—Tuesday 5 November will be celebrated by Fr Frank Brennan SJ before he departs to Melbourne. He will be presenting to the parish at the mass the painting which was commissioned by John Eddy SJ from the artist and parishioner Gloria Osborne. Gloria is the artist of the stained glass windows at St Peter Chanel.

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. Commitment Sunday forms are now available. 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.

OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED CARVINGS FOR SALE - 9/10 Nov. after all Masses at the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's—made by the Christian people of Bethlehem. Any purchase will be of great support to the Christian families there.

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 4 Nov. 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.

TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN—Fri 8 Nov, 7pm, Cathedral. 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. 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).

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>

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY—SAVE THE DATE—13 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Boxes will be placed in the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's for parishioners to contribute hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts—refer to posters for ideas for St Vinnies to distribute to families in need. All contributions are required by 9 December. Thank you for your generosity.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS

Themes & Dates, 6.30-9pm: 19 Nov 2019 Missionary & Evangelising @ Haydon Hall; 10 Dec 2019 Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal @ SPC Parish room; 21 Jan 2020 Prayerful & Eucharistic @ Haydon Hall; 11 Feb 2020 Humble, Healing & Merciful @ SPC Parish room; 3 Mar 2020 A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community @ Haydon Hall; 24 Mar 2020 Open to Conversion Renewal & Reform @ SPC Parish room.



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.

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 Loved Ones who have died by Suicide - Fri. 8 Nov, 6pm, St Joseph's Parish, O'Connor invites the family and friends of those who have died by suicide to a special Memorial Mass. A light supper will follow. Specialist counsellors will be present to provide support. To include a loved one in the liturgy (even if you are unable to attend) or for further info, please email Catherine at catherine.m.paice@gmail.com or call/text 0415 154 784. If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call a 24/7 Hotline such as LifeLine on 131114 or the Suicide Callback Service on 1300 659 467.

AMICUS, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, next gathering at Scebnic Rose Garden, Bywong, Sun. 10 Nov., 12 noon for lunch. RSVP Patricia 0412 351 548.

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 Seili 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.

ST. PAUL IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN SCHOLARSHIP — A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney: Wed. 20 Nov, 6.45pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin. Christian and non-Christian scholars alike agree that St. Paul was one of the greatest philosophers, saying he has the answers to the current political situation. We will reflect on fresh insight into Paul's teaching. Entry free. RSVP 6286.3388.

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.



Tap & Go PayWave Machine to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Malena Dal Cortivo

Those to be married: Rhiannon Brand & Adam Taylor

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: Anna Maria Murphy, Barbara Crossin, Gerald Billings, Dorothy Simmons, Ken O'Toole, Paul Webber, Mario Damo, Shane Christopher Greenwood, Maurizio Scarpino, Milka Fink, Lady Nora Randall, Gladys Robertson, Alma Back, Molly Broash, Anna Murphy, Joan Pederson, Gaetano De Simone, Giulio Pantano, Frank Colvin, Mary Roots, Alison Waldren, Michael (Jock) McGuigan, Blair Brookes, Thomas Green, Alyson Edwards, Vincenzo Belmonte, John Robertson, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell

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, Patricia Robertson,

Readings of the Day – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

First Reading

Wis 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	2/3 Nov	9/10 Nov	2/3 Nov	9/10 Nov
6.00pm (SPC)	Frances Bulbrook Felicity de Fombelle	Scott Pobihun Sheila van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham	Any available EMHC
8.00am (SCC)	Kristina Faigl Philip Pocock	Mineke Peerboom Assigned	Mineke Peerboom	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Colliss Parrett	Melissa Kent Jaye Longland	Colliss Parrett	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Gabrielle Wright	Liz Porra Ceciley Matthews	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwell Grey	Ceciley Matthews Kathryn Ruston
5.30pm (SCC)	Jonathan Lee Peter Carrigy-Ryan	Youth Mass	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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