

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

31st Sunday in Ord.  
Time, Year A  
5 November 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
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YEAR OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
August 2023– 2024

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## 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 PHARISEES AND THE PEOPLE JESUS DOES NOT GET ANGRY WITH

Here is a controversial opinion. I sympathise with the Pharisees. They get a terrible reputation, Our Lord is angry with them in just about every other chapter of the Gospels. Their purpose as a group seems to be quite noble – after the return from exile the Pharisees are the teachers and scholars of Judaism, preserving their people's knowledge and identity. Truly, we ought to thank them for preserving the Old Testament for us.

At the heart of this movement, the Pharisees are only trying to do the will of God, and to understand their religion. If they are a good movement, something that was inspired by God and devoted to understanding him, why is Our Lord so angry with them?

There is a list of people I would be angry with, before I would get cross with the Pharisees.

Firstly, Herod, Our Lord barely mentions Herod, and yet he murders Jesus' cousin John the Baptist out of pointless pride. Our Lord does not take revenge.

Our Lord does not complain much about the religious followers of Herod, the Herodians, who neglected the truth for the sake of politics. The worst thing He says about them is to lump them in with the Pharisees. Our Lord does not engage in their politics.

Likewise, the Jews who abandoned their faith and followed the Pagan Gods, as it suited their interests. Our Lord does not denounce them in the Gospels. Nor does Our Lord complain about the Jews who turned on their countrymen, those who assisted the foreign occupiers. In fact, Our Lord even recruits one of these tax collectors as an apostle.

Perhaps most shockingly of all, Jesus does not denounce the Romans, they've invaded his country, killed many, in their own way they have been responsible for the other parties. Jesus knows that he will be tied to a Roman cross and pierced with a Roman lance, at the orders of the Roman governor but Our Lord treats them with respect and never denounces them. Our Lord accepts his death for the sake of the salvation of many.

When we look at the groups of people Jesus does get angry with, we see something important. They are the Pharisees, the Apostles (especially Peter, never individually at Judas), and the worshippers in the Temple. Our Lord is angry with those who ought to understand him.

The Pharisees enrage Him so much, because they are so close to the truth, but they can't live up to it.

This explains the first part of today's Gospel, Our Lord warns the Apostles not be like the Pharisees -- selfish, attention seeking, good-for-nothings, who are worse than useless because they make problems worse, they help no one. Our Lord says that the disciples must listen to them, and amazingly, that we must do what they say. We see Our Lord respects what the Pharisees should be.

Our Lord is angry with those He is close to, in this way the anger of God, the pricking of our consciences, should be a sign of blessing and favour. If Our Lord did not care for us, he would not waste His time on us. Jesus uses his anger to lead others to love.

Fr. Alex

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music**  
Ms Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office

### School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

### Youth Ministers

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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Nov 6 31st Week in Ord. Time  
Tues Nov 7 31st Week in Ord. Time  
Wed Nov 8 31st Week in Ord. Time  
Thu. Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Fri. Nov 10 31st Week in Ord. Time  
Saint Leo  
Sat. Nov 11 31st Week in Ord. Time  
St Martin of Tours  
Sun Nov 12 32nd 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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS DEACON MARK HA**— With thanksgiving, we congratulate Seminarian Mark Ha on his Diaconate Ordination celebrated on **Friday 3rd November, 2023**, at St Christopher's Cathedral.



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

**CLERGY ASSEMBLY 2023—MONDAY 13-17 NOVEMBER.** Please be aware there will be No 5:30pm Mass held at St Peter Chanel's on the 14 Nov, 6pm Confession at St Christopher's on 16 Nov and No Adoration from 13-17 Nov. The Cathedral Mass times will remain the same.

**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 **The 4 Last Things**

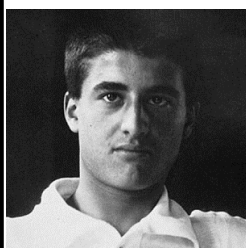
**Vigil Mass – Saint Peter Chanel's Yarralumla, 6pm Mass**— Friends, in recent years the number of parishioners and visitors attending the 6pm Vigil Mass at SPC has slowly declined, while numbers at the five other Masses in the parish have increased. For this reason we have decided that the 6pm Vigil Mass will cease to be offered at the end of December 2023. A Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass will continue to be offered at the Cathedral. I understand that this inevitable decision will come as a disappointment to many who have attended Mass at this time for some years. Of course, the 930am Mass on Sundays will remain.  
I thank you most graciously for your understanding.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**Saint Gianna Beretta Molla**  
1922-1962  
Feast: 28 April

St Gianna grew up in a Catholic family, and from a young age saw life as a beautiful gift from God. She studied medicine and became a paediatrician. St Gianna married Pietro Molla and they had four children. During her final pregnancy, it was discovered that she had cancer. She chose a treatment that would save her child, dying a week after her daughter was born.



**Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**  
1901-1925  
Feast: 4 July

From a young age, Blessed Pier Giorgio had a strong faith and desire to help others. At 17, he joined the St Vincent de Paul Society dedicating himself to the poor, homeless, sick, and demobilized servicemen. Blessed Pier Giorgio is known for the phrase "To the Heights", describing both his faith and favourite hobby, mountain climbing. He spent his last days whispering the names of the people he knew who needed assistance.

# 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/](http://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Synod of Bishops: English Translation of the Synthesis Report—** The Synthesis Report from the recent Synod has been released. For those interested, the report can be found on the Cathedral website.

**CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT—** Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit [caretaxi.com.au](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Rembert.fernando@cg.org.au)

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

### PRAYER 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:** Max Murphy & Jessica Pemberton

**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:** 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 Bimonte, John Robertson, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Aurelio Biurra, Ray & Betty Fry, Philomena D'Cruze

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Bray, Colin Dwyer, 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



# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 4/5 Nov



Cathedral QR code

**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:** In you, Lord, I have found my peace

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord

## First Reading

**Malachi 1:14– 2:2. 8-10**

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13**

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

## Gospel

**Mt 23: 1-12**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Any one who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### READERS ROSTER NOVEMBER

| Mass          | Lectors                               |                                      | Eucharistic Ministers                 |                            |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|               | 4/5 Nov                               | 11/12 Nov                            | 4/5/ Nov                              | 11/12 Nov                  |
| 5.00pm (SCC)  | Edwina Hyman<br>Mark Hyman            | Crystal Lavien<br>Becky Langworthy   |                                       |                            |
| 6.00pm (SPC)  | Felicity de Fombelle<br>Fiona Wheeler | Tarinya Hannedege                    |                                       |                            |
| 8.00am (SCC)  | Phil Pocock<br>Zvon Seselja           | Louise Zavone<br>Joe Zavone          |                                       |                            |
| 9.30am (SPC)  | Clarice Poh<br>Dominic Chin           | Wanda Kaucz<br>Raphael Molu          |                                       |                            |
| 11.00am (SCC) | <b>Religious</b>                      | Jacqueline Hipwell<br>Bianca Goh     | Jacqueline Hipwell<br>Leeann Galloway | Bronwen Grey<br>Mark Hyman |
| 5.00pm (SCC)  | Solange Pereira<br>Kevin Woods        | Rebekah O'Meagher<br>Solange Pereira |                                       |                            |

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