



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
31 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

Love is something every human person experiences, consciously or not. Yet what is that experience? Today we are reminded that such experiences aren't just coincidental, nor are they fleeting emotive responses to external needs. Rather, these moments and relationships are something far more deeply embedded in our extraordinary nature; an echo of something far more eternal, within us.

In the Gospel, Jesus is asked a question, to which he gives a response that goes deeper than first impressions suggest.

'Which is the first of all the commandments?' That is to say, which commandment undergirds all others? Jesus answers: '*the Lord your God is one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.*' It's both fascinating and beautiful to notice that the scribe only ever asks Jesus *one* question; what the first commandment is, not the second. And yet this is precisely what Jesus goes on to give him. He continues: "...and the second... well the second is this: you must love your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus highlights the reality that the most obvious of all the commandments, even to many today, namely, love of neighbour, is only possible *by*, and thus lies secondary to the first and greatest commandment. Jesus teaches that this is not just the greatest commandment, but the only commandment. For if one honours this first commandment, all others should *naturally* flow forth.

Today, throughout churches, throughout the world, indeed throughout humanity, the first primordial commandment is spoken. The commandment that allows all others to exist. And it summons us to pause... to pause and realise – even if so very briefly – that God doesn't command that we love him because he's power-hungry, egotistical or desperately needy. He demands we love him, not for his benefit... but for ours.

Because the relationships we share, the emotions that drive our passion to love... the feelings which we delight in... do not exist, without, or outside of God! *God is Love* (1 John 4:7) and when love overflows, we get creation, man and woman, parent and child, friends and friendship. We participate in love, the essence and *being* of God.

The very relationships we cherish, admire and long for, are proof not only of God's existence, but of the fact that we truly are living and participating in the life of God. Love of God, and love of neighbour. The two are inseparable, for the first permeates every other reality we know and cherish!

Many today, sadly reduced 'being Christian' to 'loving you neighbour' and that's it! Yet what Jesus echoes this day, is that to *love thy neighbour* (those placed in one's life), is the fruit of God's love dwelling in us; what makes every other relationship possible. God's presence is the very occupation of our existence; for God never loves from a distance!

And so Jesus '*...seeing how wisely [the man] had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God', for to experience the sweet bliss that you experience as deep and profound love, is to experience Me, to know I am close, that you may always be led back to me ...*

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1 Nov	All Saints
Tue 2 Nov	All Souls
Wed 3 Nov	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Thu 4 Nov	St Charles Borromea, bishop
Fri 5 Nov	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sat 6 Nov	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 7 Nov	32nd 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 and Confession times have recommenced, noting 5:30pm Sunday has moved to 5:00pm at SCC. Confessions have returned to the normal schedule, please note: ONLY 130 at SCC & 100 people to enter at any one time.

- Strictly 130 SCC & 100 SPC 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.)

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL AND CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL—Due to the lockdown, both of these appeals didn't receive a very good response. Envelopes for both of these appeals remain in the church for your kind consideration.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Congratulations and blessings to all who will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on this weekend. May you always know how close God is to His people, how He loves you and how he desires you to come often to receive His precious gift: Charlie, Remy, Zara, Arabella, Willow, Ryder, Lachlan, Saide, Eleanor, Emily, Isabella, John, Harry, Thibault, Perumbil Jude, Paul, Saoirse, Iona, Maya, Piper, Lincoln, Harriet, Felix & Mateo.

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.

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.

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 1 Nov. 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.

JESSE TREE—Fr. Trenton and Anh are doing the Jesse Tree at St Peter Chanel's for advent! We would love to get families involved. The Jesse Tree tradition is a beautiful way to reflectively prepare for the birth of Jesus with your family. Each day of advent you have a new ornament that represents someone from the Old Testament what was an ancestor of Jesus, starting from Adam. If you would like more information, the PDF resource to do it at home with your own family, and/or would like to volunteer to hang an ornament before mass please email anh.tran@cg.org.au



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.

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 curb-side. 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 acd.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.

CATECHISTS MORNING RETREAT WITH ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE—20 Nov, 9am-12.30pm, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. Begins with Mass in the Cathedral. This includes: Sacramental Preparation Teams; Special Religious Education Teachers in State Schools; Schools of Religion Teams; Children's Liturgy Teams. Free event and all welcome. More Info: catechists@cg.org.au or 6239 9826.

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REQUEST—Would you like a charitable opportunity to volunteer and help people in need? Vinnies offers short term volunteering opportunities at the Retail Centres across Canberra/Goulburn. Hours: Minimum 4 hours/ day (20 hours/holidays); Volunteer Period: 01/12/21 – 31/01/22

(negotiable); Volunteer period could be extended upon request. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. Find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops.



WALKING TOGETHER ADVENT PROGRAM

—Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent. The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21st November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries: la-ra.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

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 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 Slanislaws 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 Foiени

Recently Deceased: Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Lungo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning, Richard Brophy,

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



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

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Reading

Mk 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	30/31 Oct	6/7 Nov	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Stewart Unwin	Ruth Meadows Becky Langworthy	
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Assigned Phil Pocock	
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Damien Belachandran Marcelle Disanayake	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Ceciley Matthews	Cecilia Flores Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Jacob Madden	Denise Fisher Denis Fisher	

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