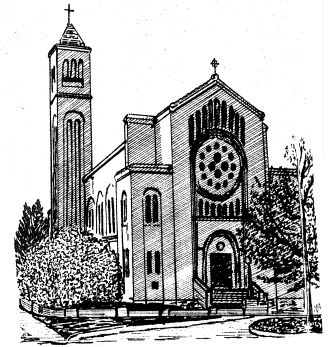


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B -
7 Nov 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 &
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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

This week's Gospel is challenging. The gifts many placed into the synagogue treasury were merely 'token'. That is to say, the 'offerings' made, demanded no real significant thing of the individuals making them... no *real* effort, no *real* commitment, or loss, and sadly no *real* amount faith!

When in truth faith always costs something, or at least it should. Not strictly financial – which is symbolic of a greater act – but something of the heart and most certainly of the ego!

Either Jesus is the Son of God, who becomes incarnate, breathes life into our souls, dies for our sins and nourishes us in the sacraments of our Catholic faith, as our destination and purpose... or he is not. Jesus either is who he said he is, or... he lies.

Whatever our conclusion, our faith, and Jesus himself causes us to make a serious decision. One cannot simply remain 'lukewarm' to the words Jesus speaks.

If Jesus is who we profess him to be, then our whole life must be consumed by and lived in imitation of Him, as best it can. We must strive to live our lives, not just those who will have to give account of our lives at the end of time, but as those who know and (without fear) live as sons and daughters, destined Eternal Life and the glory of the Resurrection!

This is what is described in Mark's Gospel. Jesus 'sitting opposite the treasury and watching people putting money in', uses this moment, as he always does, as an opportunity to teach. '...this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

She gives her whole self, not just part, nor just what's convenient (it certain wasn't that), or neat. This woman holds nothing back... and so to the true Christian. Jesus, our God, isn't merely the 'surplus' or a part of our lives – he must be our *whole* life.

In this way, while weekly contributions are a very important part of our faith, a concrete way of actualising this 'giving of oneself', as well as a monetary way of supporting our parish community – the Gospel is not about money at all, but rather the human heart.

It's not the amount we give, but the fullness of what we give. Is Christ just an 'addition' to our lives? Or is he, quite rightly, the *centre* of it. Logic itself dictates, we must make a decision.

Archbishop Christopher in a 2018 homily on this passage, observed:

"There is an important lesson to be learnt here... best summarised in the beautiful quote from the fourth century famous theologian St Ambrose of Milan..."God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps." Jesus is making the observation that the religious lawyers and theologians are only giving their wealth whilst engaging in injustice, while the poor widow puts in everything and keeps nothing for herself.

In so doing this poor widow, foreshadows what Jesus demonstrates on the Calvary Cross. Jesus also did not keep anything for himself. Even the last drop of blood and water coming from His side indicated that He gave absolutely everything of His physical body as a symbol of His self-emptying to the Father for our salvation."

In the gift of the Mass, knowing that God gives to us, so generously, his whole self in the Eucharist, let us return in a complete act of self-giving. For Jesus is "[giving] us the loving warning that he is not simply looking at what we give but what we keep."

Friends, let us place Jesus once more at the centre of all we do and all we are. Faith should claim something of us; of our will, our desires, and most especially and beautifully, of our restless heart.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 8 Nov	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Tue 9 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wed 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Thu 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, bishop
Fri 12 Nov	St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Sat 13 Nov	Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 14 Nov	33rd 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.

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



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”.

The 2 year Synodal Path has begun. The Universal Church now embarks on a similar journey we’ve experienced in our Plenary Council. We are inviting the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that is now open. Why not get a group together to discuss the 10 questions posed by the Synod? Or, give an individual response to any one or number of the questions.

Make your own 250 word submission by 17 December 2021, visit catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Once received the Australian Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in Rome, 2023



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.

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 — now open for in-store shopping. We ask that Covid safe guidelines are followed if you can visit the store. The Columban calendar for 2022 is now available along with the 2022 annual publications including the Ordo 2022, Daily Mass Book and God's Word 2022. Do come and visit us, we would love to see you.



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: cateshists@cg.org.au or 6239 9826.

ETHOS PUBLIC ETHICS AND THE FUTRUE OF AUSTRALIA—Chris Uhlmann on **Australia's identity crisis.** Thur 9 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm, Haydon Hall, ST Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. RSVP 24 Nov. Cost \$30. The discussion will be preceded by a reception with drinks & canapes.

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); Info: 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. Find nearest Vinnies shop: 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: lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

JOB VACANCY—Parish Secretary - St. Benedict's Narrabundah The role requires the candidates to be available from Tuesday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm. Starting date will be the 16th of November 2021. If you would like more information please inquire at the parish office via email narrabundah@cg.org.au or phone 02 6295 7879.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: EXTENSION OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE—Extension of the deadline of first phase of the synodal process Upon receiving numerous requests worldwide, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has decided to extend the deadline for the presentation of the summaries of the consultations by the Episcopal Conferences to 15 August 2022. This means an extension of the diocesan consultation phase and a later date for preparing the diocese synthesised report. In response to this news, the Australian timeline of the Synod of Bishops and the Plenary Council is being revised and will be submitted for the bishops' approval at their plenary meeting (9-12 Nov). Once this is confirmed, I will send you the amended Timeline with the new dates. We will also revise the dates on the guides and resources on our website <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

COME BACK TO THE FATHER! ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING - Sat. 11 Dec - 9:30am -4:30pm - St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla. A day for all interested in Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Holy Mass, reconciliation, talks, testimonies and prayer ministry. Free sausage sizzle lunch! Free entry, collection taken to cover costs. All welcome! To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BUTGN>. Or text Maida 0423 658 326."

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Rafferty Taws; Fletcher Dunn; Matilda Powell

Those who are ill: Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Felix, 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: 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, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Aurelio Biurra,

Recently Deceased: Cristina M M Santos, 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,

Readings of the Day – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



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Entrance Antiphon: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

R sponsorial Psalm: *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.*

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Reading

Mk 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	6/7 Nov	13/14 Nov	
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Becky Langworthy	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	Melissa Dixon Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Phil Pocock	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Jaye Corcoran Gloria Osborne	
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Jacqueline Hipwell	Leeann Galloway Ceciley Matthews	
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Kristina	Kevin Woods Rebekah O'Meagher	

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