

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year C

9/10 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.

The pioneering Australian Investigative journalist Mike Willesee – since his death in March 2019, following a long battle with throat cancer – has often been called a father of modern-day journalism. Indeed for Willesee life was always, from its very beginnings, about seeking the truth; one need only read his *Memiors* to see this. In one of his last interviews Willesee commented on his life changing investigation into the Eucharistic miracle of Buenos Aires, from which he concluded that 'revealing God was his greatest work'.

"I think God and religion are so politically incorrect at the moment. Nobody wants to know. You can be laughed at just for saying you believe in God... The work I'm doing now has been difficult. I'm constantly reminded that most journalists would say this is ridiculous. But I've stuck with this story and I'm making progress. It shows the truth of God in the Eucharist. The truth that God is alive in our world and that His hand moves."

The truth that God is alive in our world and that His hand moves. Mike Willesee saw that revealing the truth of a God who becomes Incarnate and dwells in the midst of our material life and world, *the greatest of his life's work*. He, like many, had moments of great struggle, but the Truth of the Eucharist changed everything! This is of course the reality which we rejoice and live in each time we celebrate the Eucharistic. A God who deigns to come down to us and nourish us with His own Body and Blood, not symbolically but literally.

In times of struggle and trial, particularly in our frail humanity, let us never forget the true reality of the One who comes so close to us in the Eucharist. Willesee recognised our 'woundedness' as the reason why God has come so close.

In these months we also continue to pray for the Plenary Council of 2020, and its immediate preparation. This is a hope filled time. There are many faith-filled Catholics who feel ignored, distanced and hurt. Our sessions are a chance for all to express and discuss how we might better proclaim the Truth of Jesus and the life of mission our God has given us. Let us grow stronger, together, positively united as the Church and as a parish gathered around the sturdy and unchanging Truth of the Eucharist; **the truth that God is alive in our world and that His hand moves**. All are most welcome. Our first *Listening and Discernment* session will be held on Tuesday the 19th of November, 6:30pm in the Haydon Hall. Our theme will be: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: Missionary and evangelising*.

Of course we continue during November to also pray for those who have died. What a gift we have in our faith and our Church. Please always know of your priests' continual prayers for you

Fr Trenton

Prayer for all those who have died.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls, you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints, you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Australia 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 Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch
Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours
Tues 12 Nov	St Josaphat
Wed 13 Nov	32nd Week in Ord. Time
Thur 14 Nov	32nd Week in Ord Time
Fri 15 Nov	St Albert the Great
Sat 16 Nov	St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 17 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

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 Archdioce-
san life through prayer and event
participation*
*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible
Sharing/Fellowship SCC*
Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177

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. 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 (which are emptied by the office multiple times a day) 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>

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.

FOR SALE—The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019 - \$5.00 per copy. Inspired by our Blessed Mother and John the Baptist who pointed the Way to Jesus, this year's reflection book, *The Way*, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet daily walk with our Lord and listen to him guide us on the Way to holiness through his Son.

The Way is an 84-page pocket-size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2019) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2020) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer. Please place your \$5.00 payment per booklet in the poor box in the Franklin Street entrance.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—The Archdiocese has produced a short guide to be used for prayer in our parishes and communities, especially in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. The guide can be accessed electronically at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/religious-resources/>. Download the pdf to your device. Printed copies will also be made available soon.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—

Theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising. 6.30-9pm: 19 Nov 2019, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE JEWISH TRADITION—12 Nov, 5-6.45pm, Marist College Canberra Mission Centre, Pearce. Join us for a moment to be still, enjoy friendly conversation and dialogue with the Jewish faith. Special guest speaker is Rabbi Shimon Eddi who will break open the topic of Social Justice in the Jewish Tradition. Refreshments from 5-5.30pm. RSVP via email by 11 Nov: nathanahearn@mcc.act.edu.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. Call to Register: 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.

CALVERY HOSPITAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL—27-28 Nov., 8am-4pm, Lewisham Bldg Foyer, Bruce. Info: Pat Graham, 0403 797 192

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.

ADVENT REFLECTION & CAROLS, St Monica's, Evatt, 7 Dec. 'Come Let Us Adore Him'. This is a Christmas program with a difference! Please join us for carols, reflection and more from 3.00pm-6.00pm in the St Monica's School Hall, 1 Deffell Street, Evatt. Come and be blessed!

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.

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.

OPERATION NOT FORGOTTEN—a program endorsed by the Refugee Council of Australia and Amnesty International which seeks to support the resettlement of refugees in Canada. For each person approximately \$18,000 is required. Donations from individuals, community groups and churches are sought to expedite the process. The Refugee Council of Australia is accepting donations for Operation Not Forgotten. They can be made direct to RCOA's bank account: BSB 062033 account number 10432319 giving reference 'CAN, your initial, plus surname' (eg. CAN A Smith) and then send an email to admin@refugeecouncil.org.au so we can identify your payment.

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: Aiden Bird; Giorgia Nicita; Jordan Humphries

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 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!*

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

First Reading

2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	9/10 Nov	16/17 Nov	9/10 Nov	16/17 Nov
6.00pm (SPC)	Scott Pobihun Sheila van Gent	Wanda Kaucz Geraldene Ford	Any available EMHC	Frances Bulbrook
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Assigned	Kristina Faigl Philip Pocock	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Melissa Kent Jaye Longland	Colliss Parrett Lynn Chan	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Liz Porra Ceciley Matthews	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Ceciley Matthews Kathryn Ruston	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
5.30pm (SCC)	Youth Mass	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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