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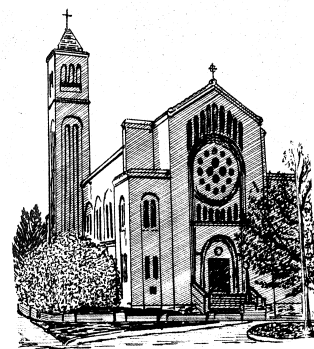
# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

**32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Year A -  
8 Nov 2020**

**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**



**Masses will be offered  
with a maximum of 139  
people present until  
further notice.**

## PARISH OFFICE

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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),  
5.30pm

### **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

## Baptisms

**Sundays:** 12.30pm

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday  
1.30pm & 3.00pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** By arrangement

A Warm Welcome to St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, especially to any visitors.

Today's parable in the Gospel can be puzzling, and yet at the same time strikingly clear. Perhaps it is simply easiest to turn to the last lines where Jesus exhorts – "keep awake therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour".

Our readiness and openness to the Grace of Christ and the Holy Spirit must be front and centre of and in our *daily* life. It is not something of 'the future', but here and now. This much seems clear. If anything, the pandemic that has seized our world, has taught us how unpredictable and quickly life can change; and yet amongst all of this change, there is the One who remains Constant among us, here and now.

We might still ask though, what is the deeper meaning within the parable? It seems clear that Jesus is the Bridegroom returning, but what of the 10 virgins, and the oil lamps they carry?

Oil has long been a symbol of the Spirit. While Jesus' parables would have easily appealed to the culture and understandings of the day, today Jesus might use the image of a runner or a professional athlete to communicate the same message. Why? Well, each of these people *prepares* for the big moment they are heading towards; and they do so by preparing each and every day, even in the smallest of ways. A marathon runner does not simply wake up and decide to run a marathon the day of. Rather, they prepare, they nourish and develop the habits, devotions and perseverance long before the big moment is upon them. In a word, they are (well and truly) ready.

One might think of the oil lamps in the same light (no pun intended). We are daily graced with the Holy Spirit, in the Sacraments and the Word, through which He flows forth into us as daughters and sons. Do we consciously receive this grace daily, welcoming, and ready for God's Word to change us?

As our hearts are stretched, our capacity to receive the grace of His Spirit, grows deeper. St Paul even warns in a letter to the Thessalonians, 'pray without ceasing... [and] do not quench the Spirit' (1 Thess 5:17.19). Do we welcome the Grace Christ which is so generous in lavish upon us?

When we contemplate Jesus' words in this way, we realise why it is that the wise could not share their oil. Because while one can witness Christ to the other through their life, they cannot 'share' or lend their own relationship with Christ, no matter how much either desires it. Rather, one needs to have and nurture their own. The foolish virgins, having little or no oil of the Spirit, even retreating in the last moment in order to 'get some'. And note, when they do return, there is no mention if they collected oil or not; they simply 'want in' to the banquet. This is a hard teaching, but a beautiful one. They have not prepared themselves for a relationship with the Bridegroom any more than the spectator has prepared themselves for the Origin match or the AFL final. The Day has arrived, and they are unprepared to meet it, with no oil in their lamp. No other person is able to do it for them, but one must do it for themselves.

Pope Francis, in a Sunday Angelus reflecting on this very parable in 2017 asked:

"What does Jesus wish to teach us with this parable? It is a matter of not waiting until the last minute of our lives to cooperate with the grace of God, but rather to do so as of now. It would be good to consider for a moment: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I? But I must do this and that.... Be ready as if it were the last day: this does us good. (*Angelus*, 12 Nov 2017)

This is the true *Wisdom* spoken of and permeating this week's readings. Let us pray then, for true wisdom, wisdom given from above, that our lamps may always be 'lit', our hearts ready for his glorious coming.

With immense affection and prayers,

Fr Trenton van Reesch  
Cathedral Administrator

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Contact office to register your interest for next RCIA program.

### School of Religion

### Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 9 Nov	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tue 10 Nov	St Leo the Great
Wed 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours
Thu 12 Nov	St Josaphat
Fri 13 Nov	Day of Penance
Sat 14 Nov	Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 15 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Legion of Mary

(In Recess at the moment)

Contact: 0431 060 556

### St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

### Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)

Sundays, 8.45am SPC

### 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.

## PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION 'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.

**STILL NOT TOO LATE! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you baptised, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? RCIA is the journey through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. It is also for those who simply wish to learn and grow more. Contact Cathedral Office to express interest. **Sessions continue 12 Nov in the Parish Office**

**CORRECTION OF DATE: Child protection training and protocols for parishes—8 Dec, 6.30pm, Haydon Hall.** Maria Hicks, IPSS Manager, has been invited to lead us through the latest protocols. **ALL** those who perform ministries in the parish are required to attend. Maria's presentation will be opened up to all parish ministries. Please RSVP to cathedral@cg.org.au or 6239 9846.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES** are found amongst your Planned Giving Envelopes and at the Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed on either collection box, placed in the baskets in front of the altar or dropped into the parish office. Please print clearly.

**TWILIGHT MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN—Fri 13 Nov, 7pm, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla.** Those who have lost children of all ages are warmly invited to record their child's name on cards available in the Church and at the Parish Office (alternatively please let the office know and a card can be made up for you).

**Request for Covid Marshalls for weekend Masses—** The parish office is requesting volunteers who can ensure the correct procedure is followed. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

**Young Adults bible study—**Thursday 12/11 will be the last bible study session for this group at the Cathedral. We are holding a retreat in Chatsbury NSW called "The Dignity of God's Will" on 20-21/11 and will subsequently move to Wanniasa Parish at 6:30pm on Friday nights from 27/11. Contact Geetanjali: geetanjaliora@me.com.

**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 13 Nov. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The All Souls Chapel is open daily for quiet, prayerful remembrance.

### New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

[www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

### Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council – meet Ken Riordan & Kathryn Ruston!

**Ken** has been in our Parish for more than 15 years, he and his wife Frances joined the parish upon their return to Canberra after having been away for about ten years. Ken's children all grew up in Canberra, and most of them live here. Ken retired from employment with the Public Service in 2003, and is now involved with various Canberra voluntary activities.

**Kathryn** moved into our Parish in November of 2018 after belonging to St Monica's in Evatt since 1990 and where she became a Catholic through the RCIA program. Kathryn is currently on the PPC as a representative of the Finance Committee and enjoy getting to know other members of our Parish. Kathryn's husband is George of 46 years, mum to 2 daughters and very proud Nana to 5 great grandchildren.

**Youth Group—**There will be no youth group on this Sunday. Next group meeting will be on Sunday 15 Nov. Enquiries to Chiara—chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

**Young Adults HOME Group** (18-35yrs) – Wednesdays, till November 11th (6- 7.30pm). Enquiries to Chiara—chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass live streamed** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

### **PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines**

- In accordance with government restrictions, only 139 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are securely stored and destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. NB: Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

**North Woden Parish Talks** - 10 Nov, 7.30pm, Parish Centre, 3 Strangways St, Curtin. All are welcome to hear Anne Kirwan (Director) address the work of CatholicCare, the social welfare agency of the Archdiocese, followed by a Q&A and supper. If attending, please notify the NW Parish Office, 6281 3999 or wodennorth@cg.org.au

**Summer Soiree and Wine-Tasting**—13 Nov, 6.30pm. Join Catholic young adults for a tutored wine-tasting and three-course dinner at the prestigious Clonakilla winery in Murrumbateman. To book a ticket, go to <https://catholicsummersoiree.eventbrite.com.au>. Info: Belle on 0412 689 976.

**Christmas Stall**—28-29 Nov, 8am-5pm, Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment and items for the comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Phone Pat 0403 797 192.

**St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers**—Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year. Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email [volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au](mailto:volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au) or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au/shops](http://www.vinnies.org.au/shops)

**Catholic Book Shop—Adore— Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2020 booklet.** Advent is such a busy time of year and we can so easily forget that – at its heart, it is a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. This booklet is a pocket size book that will enhance your daily reflections for this time of year. Only \$5 at the Canberra Catholic Bookshop; open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm; 55 Franklin Street, Forrest (6239 9888). As well as books, we offer a wide range of piety goods, from icons to candles to sacramental gifts, and now beautiful Christmas Season gifts, Christmas cards and Nativity scenes have arrived for purchase – so we hope you will come and visit us.



**Engaged Encounter Retreat**—20-21 Feb 2021. 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](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

**Masses for the Holy Souls**—During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them. Find out more: [www.aidtochurch.org/november](http://www.aidtochurch.org/november)

**Gifts of Faith**—A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: [www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsofffaith](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsofffaith)

### **A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

### **We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Luca Meoli; Martina Giugni; Alan Vellejo-Bateup

**Those to be married:** James Hunter & Melissa Lujbic

**Those who are ill:** Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum

**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, John 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, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Raymond Fry, Jeremiah Lynch

**Recently Deceased:** Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbary, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims, Tom Hallahan,

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

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. 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

**Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### Second Reading

**1 Thes 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### Gospel Reading

**Mt 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	7/8 Nov	14/15 Nov		
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Leeann Galloway Gabrielle Wright	n/a	n/a
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Geraldene Ford	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Assigned Scott Pobihun	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Scott Pobihun Dominic Chin	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Cecilia Flores	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Peter Carrigy-Ryan	Liz Porra Rebekah O'Meahger	n/a	n/a

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