

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

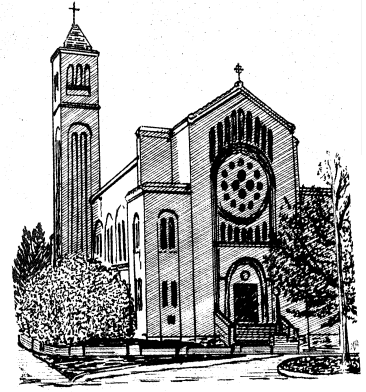
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

— Year C

16/17 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.

Being a Christian in third century Rome was not easy. In 258AD the Emperor Valerian carried on a persecution of Christians begun under Decius, his predecessor. An edict ordered all clergy and all who identified as Christians to be put to death. The Roman Imperial treasury then sought to seize all of the church's possessions. Saint Lawrence was an archdeacon of Rome at this time. Ordained by Pope Sixtus II, Lawrence occupied an important position which made him the guardian of the Church's 'riches', and with this the Church's outreach to the poor.

On August 6, Valerian seized Pope Sixtus as he celebrated Mass and had him beheaded. He then turned to Lawrence. Before killing Lawrence however, he demanded he relinquish the sum of the Church's riches, and gave Lawrence three days. The third day arrived and the Emperor demanded the treasure. With great composure and humility Lawrence obliged and, turning his body he gestured behind him, revealing crowds of the poor, the blind, and the suffering. "Behold the true treasures of the Church". To which many an account of antiquity have him add: "The Church is truly rich, far richer than the Emperor!"

As you might imagine Saint Lawrence breathed his last that same day. Of course, this remarkable Saint is often remembered for his witty jest to his executioners, as he was grilled alive— "turn me over, I'm done on this side!" but perhaps it should be his profound insight into the Church's real treasure and nature which should be forefront.

It is true what they say about the Church... She is unfathomably wealthy. The true understanding of that wealth however (much to the world's dismay), is and must be bound up not in buildings or art, but in Her people— the suffering and vulnerable who call Her their Mother, who though poor in spirit have inherited a kingdom surpassing all the worlds' riches and glories. Never doubt what your baptism has made you. All, sons and daughters. These are the true treasure we boast in. You.

With this in mind, we remember that next Tuesday evening will be our first listening session in preparation for the Plenary Council. This will be in the Haydon Hall at 6:30pm. No process is perfect, but I do hope this proves an opportunity for all to gather in the spirit of prayer, listening, reflection, respect and sharing. All responses will contribute to shaping the Plenary Council in 2020, do not doubt that.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all who work tirelessly for this parish community, because when you do so, you do so for Christ. From acolytes to cleaners, to welcomers to readers. With *All* the baptised you are the Church and all of you are Her true treasures and wealth. Thank you.

Also a reminder: The *Cathedral Young Adults* group meet every Thursday evening for prayer, fraternity and to discuss the following Sunday's readings. Every Saturday evening at 5.00pm the *Christian Meditation Group* gathers at Saint Peter Chanel's; as do the *Good Shepherd Prayer group* every Wednesday from 7.00pm. In the Haydon Hall the *Legion of Mary* are meeting at 6:15pm every Wednesdays. All are most welcome to join any of these groups, at any time. Please see further details inside the bulletin.

Finally, last Friday evening the Cathedral Choir, under the leadership of Jaki Kane, accompanied by organist Ben Chesworth offered a profoundly moving evening of prayer and memorial hymns for those who have died. Thank you to all who requested a hymn, to the wonderful Cathedral Choir (whom we are so blessed by) and to those all who attended.

With much happening in the lead up to Advent and Christmas – let us continue to pray for our community, the true treasure we possess, our Church and thus each other. Always know of your priests' prayers for you.

Fr Trenton

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 18 Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
Tues 19 Nov	33rd Week in Ord. Time
Wed 20 Nov	33rd Week in Ord. Time
Thur 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 22 Nov	St Cecilia
Sat 23 Nov	St Columban St Clement I Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 24 Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

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 Archdiocesan
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.**

MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS—This Sunday, 17 Nov. Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse in praying for deceased Bishops and Priests in the Archdiocese. 11am Sunday Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral.

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT will be held in Galong this week. Please continue to pray for all of our Clergy that God will refresh them and give them every good gift to service our God and His Church.

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.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO CONCERT: Mon 9 Dec, 6pm, St Christopher's Cathedral: You are invited to an evening of Christmas music with internationally acclaimed Franciscan singer Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **ENTRY FREE or By Donation** with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** via www.voicefrommassisi.org.au There is also a Parish sign-up sheet at the rear of the Church.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY—13 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring either a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets will be in the churches so you can indicate what you would like to bring to share. RSVP to Parish office numbers attending and what food you can share—62399846.

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.

JOB VACANCY—YOUTH MINISTER—At the heart of our Church is a call to belong, believe and become. To invite young people to answer this call, and draw them into the life and mission of the Church, schools and Parishes across the Archdiocese have employed established Youth Minister positions. If you are a young adult and want to be employed on a year of formation and mission, we invite you to become a Youth Minister in 2020 in the Cathedral Parish community. For more information, visit cgyouthministry.org.au/ youthministers or email youth@cg.org.au

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 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.

ARTS & CRAFTS WITH L'ARCHE GENESARET: 16 Nov, 10am-2pm, The Hub, Phillip. "Busy Hands Festival" is a celebration of all things handmade, with a variety of artworks, handmade items and plants for sale. Come for Devonshire Tea, great coffee, cake stall and sausage sizzle. Perfect for Christmas gifts and meeting artists with and without an intellectual disability. Sale of artworks go to the artist. All other proceeds will help support the Hub, a creative outreach of L'Arche Genesaret.

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.

AMICUS, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, Sat. 23 Nov, 7pm for dinner at the Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club, Yass Road, Queanbeyan. Call PAUL on 0419 411 691

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!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS: BUILDING BLOCK OF THE FUTURE CHURCH —28 Nov, 7.30pm, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton. Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will hold a public forum. Francis Sullivan, former director of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council will speak on "Pastoral Councils: New Wine New Wine Skins". Enquire Kevin Vassarotti: 0406376616.

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.

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.

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 married: Bojan Morarevic & Tina Gioffre

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: David Askew, 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 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

First Reading

Mal 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Second Reading

2 Thes 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Reading

Lk 21:5-19

Some When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	16/17 Nov	23/24 Nov	16/17 Nov	23/24 Nov
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Geraldene Ford	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent
8.00am (SCC)	Kristina Faigl Philip Pocock	Liza Quinn Scott Pobihun	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Colliss Parrett Lynn Chan	Jaye Longland Melissa Kent	Any available EMHC	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway
5.30pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Gabrielle Wright Leeann Galloway	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze

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