

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

34th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Year B -21 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 & St Peter Chanel's are currently open to limited numbers and restrictions.



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#### **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), 5.00pm \*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**

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

### Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

#### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, before the beginning another year with the joyful season of Advent, the Church pauses to celebrate Christ the King.

While Jesus has always been known and adored as King, Pope Pius XI promulgated the feast's formal celebration in 1925. In this early part of the 20th century, in the grip of unprecedented turbulence and chaos, knowledge of and reverence for Jesus' Kingship was waning; forgotten, amid the confusion and consequences of fighting empires and empty kingships.

As secularism and despair grew, so too did the deepest of human suffering and longing. And with more questions than answers, many (as today) searched for an answer, a leader. In a word... a king.

Many grasped at the straws of false hope and the empty promises offered by regimes, movements and self-proclaimed sovereigns. As dictatorships abounded in Europe and beyond, secularisation grew, and the faith of many began to grow weak. The Church and Her teachings were thought archaic, irrelevant, and burdensome. Yet amid the cacophony of fruitlessness and confusion, the search for identity, hope, and an answer, grew stronger.

A king exists to secure, protect and govern. A king should unfailingly guarantee the life and identity of his people. Yet no earthy empires could do this, nor even willed to; but had mercilessly left their people wanting.

In a world of power, where little has changed, the Church reminds us, that despite the weight and wounds, globally, nationally, locally and personally – Christ is the only King, the faithful King, who's Kingdom actually delivers what it promises. What no earthy empire, regime or kingdom ever could or will. A Kingdom of lasting mercy, hope and eternal life. Of certainty, identity, and truth.

On this feast, Jesus is placed back at the centre, and rightly upon the throne of the human heart, reaffirming that his, is the only lasting Kingship which grants what it promises to

Jesus is the King of all humanity, and despite our weaknesses – in fact on account of it we all belong to this Kingdom. Jesus restores our broken understanding of kingship. What King suffers and dies for love of his people? The One true King, who is like no other. And so too his kingdom, unparalleled to any ever known.

Christ is the King we can rely on. Worldly kings stand afar, engaging through armies, from the safe, glorious heights of their fortresses. But not your King! Your King comes and suffers with you. He enters the mess, the scandal, the pandemic. He is not only on the front line, He is the front line; coming close to our humanity – revealing himself in the silence of a manger, and exposing himself to the vulnerable depths of those he created and

This is our King! And today we turn our hearts and lives to his merciful and protective gaze once more; that our hope may be fulfilled – as the Prince of Peace, the fulfiller of every promise, reigns over all.

**Father Trenton van Reesch** 

Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

### **Director of Music**

Ms Jaki Kane

#### **RCIA**

Miss Becky Langworthy

### **School of Religion**

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

#### **Youth Minister**

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#### **Weekly Liturgical Calendar**

Mon 22 Nov St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Tue 23 Nov Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 24 Nov Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest &

companions, martyrs

Thu 25 Nov Weekday, Ordinary Time

Fri 26 Nov Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sat 27 Nov Weekday, Ordinary Time

Sun 28 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent

#### **PARISH GROUPS**

Legion of Mary Monday at 5.30pm Haydon Hall

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.

# **PARISH NEWS**

**CHANGES TO THE COVID CAPACITY**— from Friday 12 Nov Covid restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are no longer required through Trybooking.

- 280 SCC & 200 SPC people maximum at each Mass.
- 'Facemasks are RECOMMENDED to be worn at all times in the Cathedral and SPC
- All must use the Check-in CBR App.

**CATHEDRAL SECRETARY POSITION** — After many years of wonderful service, we are very sad to announce that Michelle, will finish up in the office at the end of November. The position is full time & requires applicants to be available from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. Starting date, 30th of November 2021. For more information please inquire at the parish office via email <a href="mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au">cathedral@cg.org.au</a> or phone (02) 6239 9846 (bh).

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

<u>CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>—10 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets in the churches to nominate what you would like to bring. RSVP to office numbers attending and plate to share—6239 9846.

**MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS -** At Sunday 11am Mass we pray for all Archbishops, bishops, priests and deacons who have served our Archdiocese. Following Mass Archbishop Christopher will bless the tombs of our deceased bishops who rest in the Cathedral Crypt. Crypt access via doors on Canberra Avenue side of Cathedral.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. MR. EDEN LANGLANDS -** ordained to the order of Deacons on Friday night. We thank God for the gift of Deacon Eden's vocation and his 'yes' to follow Christ. We pray for all discerning their called to serve Christ's Body.

#### CHRIST THE KING - WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION - THIS SUNDAY after 11am

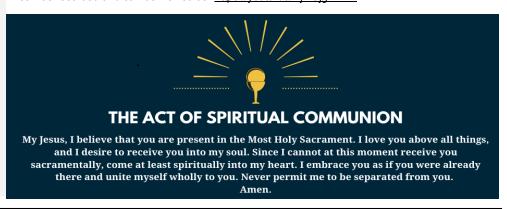
**Mass!!** - Pope Francis has moved the annual celebration of World Youth Day in local diocese to the Feast of Christ the King. Join us for Mass, followed by a picnic in the piazza with live music! Bring some food, a picnic blanket, and come to celebrate Youth, Young Adults, Family and Faith!

**RED WEDNESDAY MASS. 24th NOVEMBER** – Mass in solidarity with persecuted Christians. Join us at 12.12 Mass, the feast of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, a Pontifical Charity that supports Christians wherever they are persecuted or oppressed. To find out more visit: <a href="https://www.redwednesday.org">www.redwednesday.org</a>.

**JESSE TREE**—We're doing the Jesse Tree at St Peter Chanel's for advent! We would love our families to be involved. For more information, the PDF resource to do it at home, or to volunteer to hang an ornament before mass, email <a href="mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au">anh.tran@cg.org.au</a>

**ST VINNIES CHIRSTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE.** Boxes are in our churches to receive hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts, to distribute to families in need. All contributions are required by 9 December. Thank you for your generosity.

**MEMORIAL HYMN SERVICE**—Thank you to the Cathedral Choir for last week's service. The service was recorded and can be viewed at: <a href="https://youtu.be/wjHGjqzAlLA">https://youtu.be/wjHGjqzAlLA</a>



# **OTHER NEWS**

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Mon-Sat at 12.15pm & Sunday at 11:00am. <a href="https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/">https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/</a>

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="https://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/">https://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/</a>

**THE 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 2022 annual publications including the Ordo, Daily Mass Book and God's Word 2022. Do come and visit us, we would love to see you.

ARCHDIOCESAN ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCE- Join a 30 minute zoom briefing this Sunday at 4pm to learn how best to use this wonderful online Advent resource featuring reflections from families from around our Archdiocese. For use in small groups or alone, in person or via zoom. Info: www.cgcatholic.org.au/ADVENT or contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Blessed

**BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 'Ageing well - surviving or flourishing? - 23 Nov, 5.45pm**. Using the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and the International Charter of Human Rights, the talk will challenge the social construct of ageing in Australia. Campus Location: 301.1.20.

ETHOS PUBLIC ETHICS AND THE FUTRUE OF AUSTRALIA—Chris Uhlmann on Australia's identity crisis. Thurs 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.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday, Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday

**VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REQUEST**—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 visit instore. Info: www.vinnies.org.au/shops.



CATHOLICCARE FOCCUS MARRIAGE PREPARATION —6 Dec, 5-9pm. Complete a relationship inventory, enjoy a meal, receive input on Catholic marriage and book in for a face to face couple interview with a CatholicCare Counsellor. Register www.marriagefamily.org.au Inquire 0429 192 869

**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. Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Holy Mass, reconciliation, talks, testimonies and prayer ministry. Free sausage

sizzle lunch! All welcome! To book, go to: trybooking.com/BUTGN. Or text Maida 0423 658 326."

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church now embarks on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. You are invited to make a submission via an online portal, now open. Make your own 250 word submission by visiting catholic.org.au synodal church Once received the Australian Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in Rome, 2023. The diocesan consultation phase has been extended to the 15 of August 2022. Dates on the guides and resources on the website will also be amended: https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



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

## Readings of the Day - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in

the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Reading Jn 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER			
Lectors			
Mass	20/21 Nov	27/28 Nov	
5.00pm	Becky Langworthy	Jacob Madden	
(SCC)	Stewart Unwin	Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am	Marcus Smith	Assigned	
(SCC)	Phil Pocock	Marcus Smith	
9.30am	Damien Balachandran	Jaye Corcoran	
(SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake	Lynn Chan	
11.00am	Leszek Buszynski	Cecilia Flores	
(SCC)	Bronwen Grey	Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.00pm	Denis Fisher	Crystal Lavien	
(SCC)	Denise Fisher	Liz Porra	

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