



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

34th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
26 November 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Alexander Osborne



YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday (& Public Holidays):
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

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

Monday 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

CHRIST THE UNCHANGING KING

What does this mean for us? Christ should reign in us, not our own will but His.

I have been asked to take care of Temora parish for a few months whilst their priest is away, so this will be farewell for a while. I admit I have mixed emotions, I am excited to care for a parish on my own, but I am sad to be away from you for a few months. Please continue to pray for me whilst I am away.

It is a reminder to me of how much of our world changes and how quickly. The priests we have might change over, the parishes we are assigned to change and move, the house I live in, the car I drive, all of these things change.

There is one person that never changes. Our faith never changes - even though our priests might, the food we eat, the work we do, the city we live in all change – but God is always in charge, and nothing can remove God from His authority.

This is the purpose of the feast of Christ the King. Ninety-nine years ago, Pope Pius XI established this feast. He saw that in the wake of the First World War the world was changing quicker than ever before, new technologies and new ideologies swept through people's minds. Pope Pius XI was concerned that in the midst of such change and new distractions, and fearful of new and growing persecutions of the Church, the faithful might forget the ancient and singular truth – Christ is King.

All power and all authority is given to him, and thus everything we endure or experience has a part of his plan. This should be for us a source of great courage and strength. There is no suffering in which He is not compassionate, there is no plea or cry that goes unheard, there is nothing that is out of his reach or his rule.

What type of a king is Christ: "And the King will answer, I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them." and, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

One day Christ will return to us, and He will judge the world. On this feast of Christ the King, let us pledge ourselves to Him again, let his rule reign in our hearts, let the love of this temporary world fade and the love of eternity bloom.

Fr. Alex



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office*

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers

*Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Nov 27 34th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Nov 28 34th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Nov 29 34th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Nov 30 34th Week in Ord. Time
St Andrew
Fri. Dec 1 34th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Dec 2 34th Week in Ord. Time
Sun Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent Yr, B

PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

*Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 4:30pm 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 begins Feb.*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

**For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.**

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES available at Church exits. Completed envelopes can be returned on collection plates or to the parish office. Please print clearly.

Father Alex Osborne – As many of you are aware, this weekend will be the last weekend Fr Alex will be with us for a few months. Fr Alex has been asked to assist in the Temora Mission for a few months and hopes to return to us early February. We wish Fr Alex a blessed Christmas and New Year, and look forward to his return.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – *Bach's Advent Cantatas*. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll, will be performing JS Bach's Advent Cantatas BWV 61, 36, 62 and 1, on **Saturday 2 Dec 7.30pm**, and **Sunday 3 Dec 2pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral. For more info and tickets, visit www.canberrabachensemble.com

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY— You are invited to the Cathedral Parish Christmas Party. **Friday 15 Dec, 6-8pm**, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please feel free to bring a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. All are welcome!



ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Help support families struggling this Christmas. Boxes are available in churches to receive hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts, to distribute to families in need. Thank you always for your generosity.



MARYMEAD CATHOLIC CARE CANBERRA & GOULBURN—Since opening its doors in June 2020, MacKillop House has given accommodation to 125 single women aged between 18-80 in the 'big house' and 20 Mothers with some 34 accompanying children in the 6 Villas. The generosity of many has enabled the refurbishment of 25 bedrooms to continue and carpet to be replaced. The need is great! We welcome donations to help make a difference! All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Visit our website <https://mcccg.org.au> and go to the 'donate' box at top right of page, or by direct transfer: BSB: 062-786; Account Number 00010602; Account Name: CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn. Please indicate that the donation is for 'MacKillop House' and email advice to Noelene.quinane@mcccg.org.au

Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, died peacefully on 15th November, 2023, in Goulburn. Sr Barbara, born in Temora, taught in rural schools in NSW and in O'Connor, ACT. Her funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, **29 November**, at **11am** in St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Reynolds St, Goulburn, followed by interment in St Patrick's Kenmore Cemetery on Middle Arm Road. May Sr Barbara rest in peace.

Vigil Mass – Saint Peter Chanel's Yarralumla, 6pm Mass— Friends, in recent years the number of parishioners and visitors attending the 6pm Vigil Mass at SPC has slowly declined, while numbers at the five other Masses in the parish have increased. For this reason we have decided that the 6pm Vigil Mass will cease to be offered at the end of December 2023. The Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass will continue to be offered at the Cathedral. I understand that this inevitable decision will come as a disappointment to many who have attended Mass at this time for some years. Of course, the 930am Mass on Sundays will remain.
I thank you most graciously for your understanding.

NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines Thank you sincerely for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .
The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering 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 parish mission and maintenance. 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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

Synod of Bishops: English Translation of the Synthesis Report— The Synthesis Report from the recent Synod has been released. For those interested, the report can be found on the Cathedral website.

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

ST BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER — All are invited to come and enjoy live music, singing Christmas carols from our St Benedict's music ministry. Food, fun and prizes to be won! Sunday **December 3rd 11am - 3pm**, held in St Benedict's School Hall (opposite church) \$15 a ticket (family passes available) Tickets can be purchased online <https://www.trybooking.com/CMZZP> All proceeds to be given to St Benedict's Church. Donations welcome.

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024** For further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Thomas Job, Zoe Thomas, Ian Wong, Marco Cainero-Kuti & Roberto De Canha

Those who are ill: Frank Fulop, Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Catherine Cleary, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

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 Bimonte, John Robertson, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Aurelio Biurra, Ray & Betty Fry, Philomena D'Cruze

Recently Deceased: Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Don Debus, Raymond Anthony, Kevin Bray, Colin Dwyer, Anita Ong-Siong Sy, Mgr Rob Egar, Rosa Mustapic, Pamela Rotmwell, Norma May, Ethel Lee, Francesco Calabria, Domenico Mico,



Cathedral QR code

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: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel

Mt 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

READERS ROSTER NOVEMBER

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	25/26 Nov	2/3 Dec		25/26 Nov	2/3 Dec
5.00pm (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Stewart Unwin	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege	Felicity de Fombelle			
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Becky Langworthy Marcus Smith			
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Raphael Molu	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh			
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Les Buszynski	Leeann Galloway Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Anthony Brierley	Jacob Madden Lynette Yap			

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