

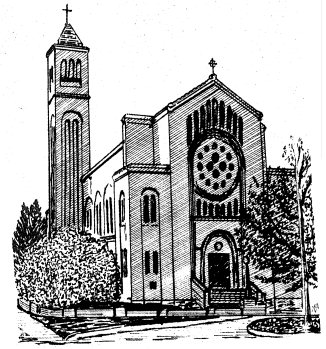


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday in
Advent
Year C -
12 Dec 2021

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



St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
are currently open to
limited numbers and
restrictions.

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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 (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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

As we fast approach Christmas, the greatest moment of joy not only for the Christian, but for 'all people of good will', the world looks more than usual a mess. And it is not just the world. Perhaps our own lives too seem muddled in some way?

Yet, we must never forget that it was into the midst of this mess, that God chose to be born. The mess is not foreign to him, nor does he avoid it.

With this, our question becomes identical to the one put to John the Baptist in the Gospel: 'What must we do?' (Lk 3:10) What must we do, faced with the mess? Because despite what many think and say, there is much we can do. We are not powerless.

The prophet Zephaniah and the Gospel today echo the joyful proclamation that the longed-for Saviour, the victorious warrior is in our midst, so 'shout for joy' they exhort! Our Psalm too proclaims "Cry out with Joy and Gladness". And Saint Paul only adds to the chorus, "rejoice always!"

But the question... the *real* question – and we must always deal with facts – remains for many: what reason, with everything besieging me, do I have to rejoice? In times such as ours, can we really rejoice? And what does Joy look like?

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, which translates from the Latin, *Rejoice*. Half way through our Advent preparation we are reminded that this is our identity.

It is intriguing to contemplate happiness and joy. Many say, I just 'want to be happy'. After all, we're made for just that! Some even make it their life goal. Yet this could be seen as problematic at best. Why? Because unlike joy, happiness (the way we often think of it) is almost always circumstantial.

Joy on the other hand I once heard described as the *pervasive sense of well-being*. And so joy is something which can remain, regardless of circumstances. Joy, unlike happiness, gives an identity and promise. With so much going on in our lives – good and bad – the Christian can still possess joy!

Many fall prey to the thought that when I'm 'done' with all this, I'll finally be happy. But we all know... that when we do finally achieve that 'thing', that task, that goal... we're still not 'happy'. So... we simply move the goal posts. 'that didn't make me happy. Maybe this next thing will?!' To live like this however, is like basing our lives on the flip of a coin, or on the roll of a die.

If we want happiness in a way that's not contingent and passing, in a way that can't be taken away – it can't be based on mere chance; reliant on external (and even internal) situations.

Joy, as the abiding and pervasive sense of well-being, is founded on a far deeper, unmovable level. *Jesus*. GK Chesterton once wrote: "Joy, is the great secret of the Christian." Before Jesus came, one either believed in chance and fate or relied on happiness merely emerging from circumstances and their own making.

Yet now we have happiness incarnate. When God comes to us, we receive certainty of who we are and to whom we belong, a certainty which can never be taken away; and so too a promise, not dependent on our success or failures, our luck, income or even talents.

If we have Eyes to See this truth, we are able to see the magnificence at the heart of the mess... Christian joy comes from knowing that *God is with us*. And how Magnificent it is! We do not always see Him with our eyes but we *do* see that wherever Jesus is, people change. There is a greater capacity for peace, HOPE, and love. And that is most certainly a reason to rejoice!

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 13 Dec St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Tue 14 Dec St John of the Cross, priest,
doctor
Wed 15 Dec 3rd week of Advent
Thu 16 Dec 3rd week of Advent
Fri 17 Dec 3rd week of Advent
Sat 18 Dec 3rd week of Advent
Sun 19 Dec 4th 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
(Dec 12, Christmas Mass 1230)*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

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

COVID CAPACITY— restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are no longer required through Trybooking.

- Facemasks are **strongly recommended** but not required. Sanitiser available at all entrances.
- All must use the Check-in CBR App. Thank you for your ongoing care and understanding.

NEW YEARS EVE – Adoration and Benediction (from 9pm) and Midnight Mass at Saint Peter Chanel's. Mass begins at 11:45pm.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thank you to all who joined and brought a plate to share. Thank you to all parishioner and friends of Saint Christopher's parish, especially to all our generous volunteers.

PARISH SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION – Thursday 16th December, 7.30pm at Saint Christopher's Cathedral.

THE JESSE TREE— at St Peter Chanel's! We would love our families to be involved. For more information, the PDF resource to do at home, or to hang an ornament before mass, email anh.tran@cg.org.au

VINNIES CHRSTMAS TREE APPEAL – thank you to all who have been so very generous, placing gifts under our trees! For another Christmas you have helped support and given hope to struggling families.

PARISH EMAIL DATABASE – We can now email you the bulletin as well as parish notices and events. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email us at cathedral@cg.org.au

THANKYOU—We want to thank all the volunteers of our parish over the last year! What a year it has been! Know of the gratitude of our parish family for all that you do.

MISSION SUNDAY- Thanks to all who supported this appeal. Envelopes are still available in the pews, and can be placed in collection bags or boxes.

SPC GARDEN – For some time now a dedicated and gifted volunteer group has quietly worked away on the SPC garden, which looks magnificent! As a parish we want to express our deep gratitude for this gift to the parish and the wider Yarralumla community; largely achieve at their own cost. Thank you!!

WELCOMERS SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES – We are seeking parishioners to act as Welcomers on doors the for the Christmas masses. We are expecting large numbers and seek your help with ensuring all are warmly welcomed, as well as ensuring all check-in with the CBR Check-in app. If you are able to assist please email trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au :)

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Christmas Masses

Cathedral

6.00pm Vigil
8.00pm Vigil
Midnight Vigil (11.15pm Carols)
8.00am
9.30am
11.00am
5.00pm

Bookings will not be necessary this year
however capacity restrictions will apply

St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

5.30pm Vigil
9.00pm Vigil
9.00am
10.30am



LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM - offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of 'integral ecology' as spoken of in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical. Visit: laudatosiactionplatform.org/ and care4ourcommonhome.org/home. You are invited to join on the platform.

OTHER NEWS

Giving and Receiving—safer ways to make an offering. **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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

You can also Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

A purpose-built secure parish app to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit <https://cgccatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

Thank you for your generosity

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — Christmas gifts, holiday reading, nativity sets & Christmas cards. **ATTN:** Daily Mass Book 2022 - please check : If you are missing pages 64 – 91 please return to the Catholic Bookshop to exchange it for a new book. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to see you over the Christmas season.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE— Visit our website: womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/

ARCHDIOCESAN ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCE - Advent resource featuring reflections from families from around our Archdiocese. For use in small groups or alone, in person or via zoom. 4pm this Sun 12 Dec or 10am this Tue 14 December. Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540. Be enriched by the reflections of our Archbishop & of lay people from around our Archdiocese on *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' document on the family. Videos & handouts freely available at cgccatholic.org.au/ADVENT or contact la-ra.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: advent appeal to help Christian refugees suffering persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. For stories and to make a donation visit aidtochurch.org/ adventappeal.

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, or volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au. vinnies.org.au/shops.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2022 – talks on the faith, daily Mass, Adoration, recreation, community & friendship. When: 1-9 Jan, 2022 (Children's ministry 4th-9th). New England Girls' School, Armidale, NSW. \$450 – incl. accommodation, food, talks and activities. sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims



St Vincent de Paul Society
CANBERRA/GOULBURN
good works

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 a 250 word submission at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> Once received, a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in Rome, 2023 will be made. The diocesan consultation phase has been extended too, to the 15 August 2022. Dates on the guides and resources on catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. We will also make a submission as a parish community—more to come!

We pray for...

Those to be married: Josephine Taylor and Jack Damply

Those to be baptised: Anthony De Marco; Blair Zabat; Lyanna Payanga

Those who are ill: Denis Gilmour, 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: Kevin Ruane, Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano,

Recently Deceased: Fransiska Setiowati Silasudjana, Fr. Stan Barry CM, Sr M Andre Guthrie, Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, + William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Lungo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning.



Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

First Reading

Zep 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Second Reading

Phil 4: 4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Lk 3: 10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors				
Mass	11/12 Dec	18/19 Dec		
5.00pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Crystal Lavien Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle	Fiona Wheeler Mike Nash		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Dione Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	Lynn Chan Liz Porra		
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszyski Jacqueline Hipwell	Leann Galloway Mark Hyman		
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Kristina Faigl	Rebekah O'Meagher Lynette Yap		

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