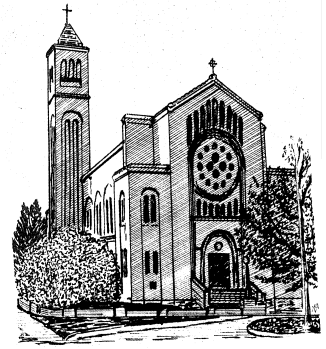


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



3rd Sunday of  
Advent. Year A  
11th December 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
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YEAR OF WALKING  
TOGETHER  
8th August 2022-  
8th August 2023

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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

## 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

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

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

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As condemned prisoner, Alfred Delp sat in solitary confinement on Christmas Eve 1944, praying. The Jesuit priest wrote of his struggle, but too of his hidden, Christian joy.

Delp had long denounced the Nazi regime, and unbeknownst to him, the Allies final assault was about to begin. Tortured and interrogated he wrote: I was left little more than a "bleeding whimper." And yet, in the darkness, there was a hidden hope, a longing, an Advent which pierced the night *then and there*. Indeed, "...all of life is Advent".

In his meditation, Delp asked, "How many today, could honestly appear at the manger? Most have absolutely no desire to do so... [for] the small, scanty door does not let anyone riding a high horse get through."

For Fr. Delp, Advent was a daily "spiritual way". A way where our personal, social and historical situations, even our own suffering, offers us entry into the true Advent; a journey towards a relationship with the Living God. Yet our heart must first be humble and vulnerable enough to seek the Child, who often goes unnoticed.

Delp's own suffering witnessed to the Advent he wrote of. Advent is for being 'deeply shaken'—it is not just to remember Jesus' birth, but to participate in the unfolding revelation of the *en-fleshed God*. A God born into our broken, chaotic history. A history that this Child is now reordering (Rev 21:5).

"We run the risk of concealing Christmas behind bourgeois customs and sentimentality... What this celebration is about is the founding of a final order for the world, a new centre of meaning for all existence. [We are celebrating] the fact that God has spoken His ultimate Word to the world. Christ is the ultimate Word of God to the world."

So what does this mean for us? John the Baptist confessed "I am *not* he". And so too must we, Delp says. He described this as "the Advent of the heart." The Advent which makes us more human. To accept that we are not, nor do not have the answer, but that this Child born to us *IS* and does.

The Incarnation of God is *here and now*. He is *now* making all things new. Believe that. Delp described this as life brimming with a joy that opens us to encounter the life of God no matter where we find ourselves. A joy that no earthly darkness can destroy.

Friends, see your lives as God does, and as Delp described – that the last word in the midst of confusion and darkness, may belong to the Child who lies in the manger. Let us not be distracted by what's passing, but strengthen by the One who comes to us in that same world, in that same messy stable.

Today is *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin, *Rejoice!* In this Season which marks the greatest moment of joy and hope, not only for the Christian, but for all creation – the world remains more than ever, a mess. And not just the world, our own lives and families too.

Yet while every life contains sadness and hurt, if we have eyes to see, we are able to see *Magnificence* at the Heart of that Mess... and how Magnificent it is! God is not far off. This is the hidden joy we bear. God is with us, God is with you! Allow that to genuinely sink in.

Wherever Jesus is (when welcomed through desire, into the human heart), people change, we change... There is a greater capacity for peace, reconciliation, hope, patience and love; and often, all this, when still so many of the externals stay the same.

Friends, may Advent draw our hearts to the Magnificent, born in the manger! This is our one constant. This is *Christian Hope*. This is our reason to rejoice!

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office

### School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

### Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Dec 12th 3rd Week of Advent

Tues. Dec 13th 3rd Week of Advent  
St Lucy

Wed. Dec 14th 3rd Week of Advent  
St John of the Cross

Thurs. Dec 15th 3rd Week of Advent

Fri. Dec 16th 3rd Week of Advent

Sat. Dec 17th 3rd Week of Advent

Sun. Dec 18th 4th SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT YEAR A

## 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 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Cathedral

5pm Vigil

8pm

Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.15pm)

8am Mass

11am Mass

5pm

### St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

9.30am Mass

6pm Vigil



**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION**— Additional Confession times will be offered on **20 & 21 December** from 5-6pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Regular Confession times will follow as normal.

**Sunday Adoration @ SPC** – Please note Sunday 2-3pm Adoration at SPC, begun during the height of the pandemic, will now discontinue. The Cathedral will continue to remain open for silent adoration and prayer.

**RECEIVING THE HOST** – A gentle reminder to consume the Host immediately upon reception. Jesus doesn't want to go for a walk with you, He wants to *Live* within you! If you notice another not consuming our Lord, please remind them.

### *Annual Carols and Readings at the Cathedral Returns!*

Our Carols and reading will again take place this year on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:00pm in Saint Christopher's Cathedral. Join us on this joyous occasion!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Thank you to all who contributed to the Parish Christmas party on Friday night. All volunteers within the Parish, unable to join us on Friday, please drop into the office to collect a small thank you gift.

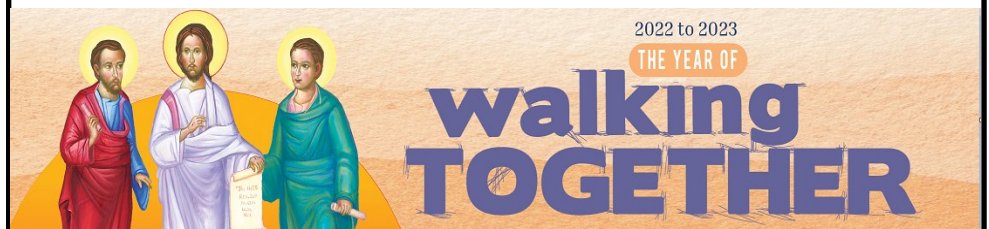
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK STALL**— Located in St Peter Chanel's Church, the book stall holds selected items from SVdP and the Catholic Bookshop. The stall will operate after the Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 9:30am Masses.

**MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE**— Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral. No Rosary will be held in January 2023.

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

**KARINYA HOUSE** – supporting women and babies in crises pregnancies. Please consider financially supporting by becoming a 'Friend of Karinya' today.

[www.karinyahouse.asn.au](http://www.karinyahouse.asn.au)



# 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 [cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/](https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**REMAINING CAUTIOUS-** If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

**SUNDAY MASS** – With the easing of COVID, Archbishop Christopher has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation for those able to attend Mass. A copy of his statement is available on our website. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/60th-anniversary-of-the-goulburn-schools-strike/>

**ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER—** Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) [cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx](https://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx)

**LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS** – Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT [cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord/](https://cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord/)

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

**CAMPION COLLEGE— Summer Program** a 4-day taster of what it is like to study at Campion College. Registration is free and is now open to 16-20 years. Date 10-13 Jan 2023, 17-20 June 2023. <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program/>

**PALMS AUSTRALIA—** Are offering cross-cultural training program in January 2023 as an opportunity to help build communities either at home in Australia (**January 7-11**) or overseas (**January 12-15**). Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](https://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS—** Invites you to the 16th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil **Sat 31 Dec, 8pm** at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. With Exposition from 8pm until Benediction before Midnight. For further inquiries, contact Judy & Joe Mewburn: 6254 6202



## *Year of Walking Together*

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.  
Amen.

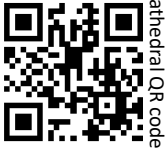
## **We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Greta Callaghan, Sienna Gambale, David Ikekwere

**Those who are ill:** Geraldene Ford, Liz Porra, Kevin Conlon, Clara Yee, Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Phil Pocock, Sophy, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

**Anniversaries of death:** 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, Mary Pini, Anne Merner Bruest Family, Sweeten Family, Mahony Family

**Recently Deceased:** Fritz Tedjakuntara, Joseph Williams, Philomena D'Cruze, Sharon Woods (Mons. John Woods sister), Paul Kildea Snr, Hugo Caggiano, Br Anthony Atkinson FMS, Berty Jacob, Adriane Brown, Sally Barber, Medardo Balmaceda, Lauren West, Nicolina Caggiano, Bill Higgins, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Donatella Magro, Vittorio D'Ambrosio, Kieran O'Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adriane Brown



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

**Responsorial:** Lord, come and save us

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**First Reading**

**Is 35:1-6,10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, of those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**Second Reading**

**Jas 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel**

**Mt 11:2-11**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
	10/11 Dec	17/18 Dec	10/11 Dec	17/18 Dec
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Kevin Woods	Les Buszynski Crystal Lavien		
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Tarinya Hannedege	Fiona Wheeler Wanda Kaucz		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Dione Smith Marcus Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balanchandran Jaye Corcoran	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Cecilia Flores	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Rebekah O'Meagher	Lynette Yap Becky Langworthy		

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