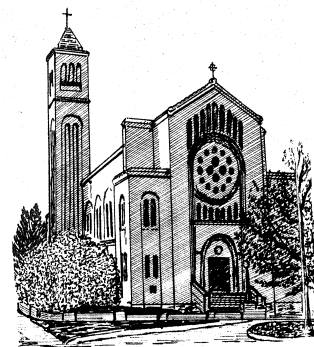


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday of Easter
Year B
14 April 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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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 (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

The Risen Lord

We contemplate this image a lot. The disciples are huddled in the upper room. John tells us they are full of agitation and fear. And yet... let's be honest, they have every reason to be. Only days earlier Jesus was publicly executed, in the most brutal of ways, and laid in a tomb. They were known to be His disciples, and had every reasonable expectation to believe that they would be next. No wonder the door was locked. No wonder they are locked in a world of fear. And what was their plan (or lack thereof)? To stay there! ... I would too!

Yet, locked in fear, this room that one promised safety, is very quickly in danger of becoming a tomb. This is the truth no less for you and I... if we fail to grasp what has happened to Jesus. If we fail to see what has happened to Him, we indeed fail to see and experience what has happened to us!

In the Gospel, Jesus appears to them and speaks, as if to announce the conclusion of all that has happened. "Peace Be with You!" The first words from the Risen Jesus, are *words of Peace*. And Peace Himself speaks these words no less to you and I, than He did that evening in the locked, obscure, upper room.

But what does He mean? Recall all that has happened. He means the Cross, the daunting, dark mountain of Calvary, the mountain of death. "I have been to the very depths of human destitution and suffering. I have seen it all. There is no dark corner; there is no dark depth I have not known. And now I say to you emphatically: Peace be with you, because you have nothing to fear!"

"I know you are scared, but your fears are a bluff! For the love of.. well... me! ... call the bluff! And live the *peace* given directly from God, and always in His Body, the Risen Body, the Church.

Note the one illuminating detail consistent in all the Resurrection appearances. The ones to whom Jesus first appears, do not immediately recognise Him! Even Mary Magdalen, who adored Jesus, upon first seeing the Risen Jesus, supposes him to be the gardener (Jn 20:15). The disciples too – of whom the opening lines of today's Gospel allude – on the road to Emmaus do not initially *recognise* Him. Indeed – not coincidentally – only in the 'Breaking of the Bread' is He identified. Why? He was identifiable before!

It could only be that He *now* appears to them as the *Risen Jesus*.

In today's Gospel, the Risen Jesus first walks through a locked door. Our fear is no hurdle. He now stands in their midst. He is unmistakably a body, not a ghost. However, He is now Risen into a new existence – exceedingly hard to explain, but impossible to deny. He eats the grilled fish to show them that He *is* a physical Body. Indeed, He will invite Thomas to place his hands in the holes the nails and spear have made. The difference? He is now the Risen Body who has conquered death and so every fear. And yet, He is *only* recognisable, to eyes of faith.

The Eucharist is the Body of the *Risen* Jesus. Is it any coincidence then, that so many fail to recognise Him; at least at first? Only with eyes of faith can one see the Risen Jesus in their midst. And now in our hands.

With eyes of faith, we see the Risen Jesus. And only by recognising Him, do we then recognise the Peace He brings. At this moment, the doors which trap you and in the upper room of fear, burst open! And, like the 12 before us, we go to the ends of the world, to proclaim the Good News, to proclaim in everything we do, the one we have seen!

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 15 Mon of the 3rd week of Easter
Tues April 16 Tues of the 3rd week of Easter
Wed April 17 Wed of the 3rd week Easter
Thu. April 18 Thu of the 3rd week of Easter
Fri. April 19 Fri of the 3rd week of Easter
Sat. April 20 Sat of the 3rd week of Easter
Sun April 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER, 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.**

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY | 21 April

Next Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday, an opportunity to spiritually and financial support the training and formation of those preparing for priesthood in our Archdiocese. Both Frs Trenton and Alex have benefited for your generosity and prayers, and deeply thank you for your generous support in this appeal. We have 3 men studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese, and more discerning the call. You can make a gift today: By envelopes (provided in churches); At: cgatholic.org.au/goodshep Or by calling: (02) 6239 9801 Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation. Thank you for your support! May we always be blessed with priests after the heart of Christ.



VATICAN HUMAN DIGNITY DECLARATION (“DIGNITAS INFINITA”) - The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith’s new document summarises the Catholic ethical/moral teaching on many issues of our time. The document, along with the Archbishop’s letter, can be provide on the Cathedral and *Catholic Voice* website

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES: Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes next week to the Cathedral office or the Sacristy. Thank you for your generosity!

CATECHESIS IS BACK!— with Fr Alex. For the next few weeks we will cover the history of the Church from its very beginning through to today and even guess at what the future of Church might look like. This Monday we will look at the Church under the Roman Empire. Come and join, dinner and drinks provided. **Monday 15th April**, Haydon Hall at **6:30pm**, bring a friend and make some more.

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS— you are invited to the National ANZAC Day Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral ACT at 8:00am on Thursday 25 April 2024. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am.

Roundtables Series– Ecclesial and Multicultural Communities— Tuesday 16 April 4:30pm-6:30pm. Sacramental Initiation— 18 April 2024 4:30pm– 6:30pm Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue and discernment in the spirit of synodality. REGISTER at cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher’s Manuka)

Three day silent retreat—19-21 April. For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at emil.milat@cg.org.au for more information

Marriage Preparation Courses— Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11th June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— 1st Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 9 May, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel’s Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Communion will take place on Sunday **2 June 2024** at the **11am Mass**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

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

OPEN LETTER TO ACT MLAs against upcoming VAD BILL— show your support in opposing the Voluntary Assist Dying Bill 2023 by signing the petition <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. To find out more <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>

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 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.** Online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Volunteers wanted – Calvary Haydon Aged Care, Bruce. Do you have a few hours each week or each fortnight to volunteer? Can you help aged care residents with pastoral care, take them to the chapel for mass and sit with them, or help with an activity? All volunteers require a Working with Vulnerable People's Card. Please contact 62647406/62647540 and leave your details for Edwina. Induction training will be provided on first day.

His Word for Kids is for children aged 2 to the end of primary school. It will run on the last Sunday of every month during the 9:30 SPC mass. To assist in delivering this important ministry please contact marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com. Materials and a program will be provided.



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: Harry Miller

Those who are ill: Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, 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: Mario Zulli, LaVonne Bobongie, Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Gallagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donovan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating, Anita Asuncion Pahate

Recently Deceased: Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Naijes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Thomas Fernando (Father of Fr Rembert Fernando), Marie Docherty (sister of Fr Mick Burk), Anthony Kelly, CssR, Maria Crowe, Anna Nguyen Thi Minh (mother of Deacon Don), Suzanne Wall,

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Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise alleluia.

Responsorial: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

READERS ROSTER APRIL

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	13/14 April	20/21 April	13/14 April	20/21 April
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin	Samantha Hazlett Crystal Lavien		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Phil Pocock Dione Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Kristina Faigl	Fiona Wheeler Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Leeann Galloway	Cecilia Flores Jacqui Ramesh	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Anthony Brierley	Lynette Yap Rebekah O'Meagher		

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