

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B -18 April 2021 Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias



Masses at St Christopher's will be offered with a maximum of 260 people present until further notice.



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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),

5.30pm

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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Dear Cathedral parishioners and visitors,

The Easter Season marks a time of joy and hope. Yet for some, in these days, the joy and hope of Easter may feel a little hard to come by. Whether we are struggling from personal hardship and loss, or perhaps the continued effects of this horrid pandemic. Personal, local, or global. This last year has seen all sorts of devastation and setbacks, the latest of which were floods! Amidst all of this, it may be hard to enter into a spirit of 'Good News'!

However, the first thing we should recognise, if this is the case... is that, that's ok! Because friends, even the post Resurrection accounts and encounters have shown us, that the first witnesses of the Resurrection were filled with discomfort and uncertainty. Does that mean it did not happen? No. Does it mean Jesus was not close? Most certainly not!

For Mary Magdalene the encounter with the Risen Jesus brought confusion. For Thomas, doubt. In all the post resurrection appearances, Jesus' followers and disciples are still consumed by a certain trauma. The trauma of witnessing their teacher, their friend, their community torn apart, attacked, crucified and seemingly destroyed... and then suddenly, there is the shock of learning that he is risen from death. He now stands among them, and speaks words of *Peace*, amid an external storm, which *still* rages. No wonder they felt confused.

And yet, this is the Easter Truth. The truth of a God who cries *Peace*, when nothing else around us is making sense. Wherever we find ourselves in these days - let us hear those words of Jesus spoken to us in the midst of a storm, "peace be with you". And may the peace of God revealed in the Risen Jesus continue to heal and fill the world with the true joy and hope which lasts forever.

This weekend our Archdiocese celebrates its annual **Multicultural Mass at 11am.** We give thanks as we celebrate the rich cultural diversity of which we are made - for this is the true mark of Catholicism, united in the beauty of our diversity, in one Body and one Profession of Faith. We thank all those who have come to represent and share their cultures and traditions with us today.

This year ANZAC Day, April 25th, falls on Sunday. Archbishop Christopher will offer the National Anzac Day Mass at 8am at SCC. Please note, that to ensure numbers in the Cathedral are managed, <u>an additional Mass will be offered at</u> 9:15am on the 25th of April.

Father Trenton van Reesch

Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION 'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical

Calendar

Mon 19 Apr Monday of the 3rd week of

Easter

Tue 20 Apr Tuesday of the 3rd week of

Easter

Wed 21 Apr Wednesday of the 3rd week of

Easter

Thu 22 Apr Thursday of the 3rd week of

Easter

Fri 23 Apr Friday of the 3rd week of East-

or

Sat 24 Apr Saturday of the 2nd week of

Easter

Sun 25 Apr 3rd Sunday of Easter

Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm Havdon Hall

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age) every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

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

PLENARY COUNCIL PROGRESS - The working document of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia, "Continuing the Journey" has now been released. https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-single-pages.pdf. A Zoom gathering on a local deanery level to share fruits from this document, will be held soon, with participants needing to register (details forthcoming), only *after* reading the document "Continuing the Journey". This next phase in the journey is a *significant* one - Let us keep the plenary in our prayers, as well as each other, as we positively move forward and turn our ear to what the Spirit is Saying.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - 24 & 25 April 2021 – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians: We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgcatholic.org.au/goodshep

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

Living in Resurrection Power - Daily Online Devotionals leading up to Pentecost with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy. The Catholic Guy Ministry aims to proclaim the Gospel in ways that people can relate to and understand to encounter Jesus Christ in their daily lives. For further information and to register for the daily emails/short videos, go to https://brucedownes.org/

Project Compassion Boxes: Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes. Thankyou.

Adventurers Youth Group resumes this Sunday. The group will continue every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 8.45am - 9.25am at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: ANZAC DAY MASSES 2021 - The 8am Mass will be attended by dignitaries and special guests. On account of numbers expected, an <u>additional Mass will also be offered</u> immediately following the 8am Mass, at **9am in the Cathedral**.

"AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY" YEAR - March 19th marks five years of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family. This is an incredibly beautiful and practical document. Our society is only as strong and healthy as our families. Pope Francis has launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, which will conclude on June 26, 2022, with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome. Friends, this year we want to focus back on Families, the heart of who we are and where we belong. Let us pray for families, and keep and eye our for parish events where you can get involved.

Cathedral Secretary—on annual leave from 19 April to 17 May. Ellen will fill in during this time, we welcome her to our Cathedral community. Office hours may vary.

ENROL NOW—2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts Tues, 20 April, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 at 6.00pm. First Reconciliation classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. First Eucharist classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

OTHER NEWS

LETS KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sgm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP AND sign in upon entry (including children). Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. NB: Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please DO NOT return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion. Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances.

Canberra Catholic Bookshop - Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 9 am - 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



Aid to the ACN AUSTRALIA

In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to Church in Need live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims—Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of the devastating floods in Timor Leste. Support is urgently needed. Donations can be sent to Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale VIC 3032 or www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au. PH: 03 9377 6060.

Our Health Ahead—20 Apr, 6pm, ACU Canberra Campus, Rm 301.1.20, Veritas Bldg, 223 Antill Street, Watson. Free. This Black Friars lecture will reflect on the opportunities and challenges for community health and wellbeing in a post COVID world, & especially on the role of people, policy and politics. RSVP by Friday 16 April to ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au

Pro-Life Workshop—1 May, 2-4pm, Hayden Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Join us for a workshop with Rebecca Gosper of LifeChoice Australia and learn how to use social media to raise awareness of pregnancy support options and give hope to pregnant women in crisis. To attend the workshop please register via http://bitly/cbrprolifeworkshop link.

Engaged Encounter Retreat—1 May. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Info: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: May 1-2, August 7-8, November 13-14 2021; February 19-20 2022

Evenings for the Engaged - Marriage Preparation Course 10 July, 9am. The course consists of six sessions conducted over two consecutive Saturdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Sessions, presented by married couples, cover important aspects of marriage and include lots of private time for you and your fiancé to discuss issues raised during the talks. Sessions conclude with group discussion. Workbooks and lunch are included. Contact: Pru Gordon and Peter Grist 0451 670 041 prugordon@gmail.com

Positions vacant: -

Housekeeper for the Clergy Retirement Foundation at the Garran facility. Contact

chris.koelmeyer@cg.org.au.

Full time Counsellor for 'The Farm in Galong'. Contact Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428 for more

information.

1979 Year 10 & 1981 St Clare's Year 12 Class Reunion—A celebration of friendships since graduation is planned for late 2021. If you are one of the 1979/1981 classes please contact us via classof1981reunion21@gmail.com or if you know someone from the classes please pass this message on.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Fergus Gleeson; Amalia Keogh Those to be married: Adriana Longhtiano and Simon Soligo

Those who are ill: Francesca Wall, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Claudia

Anniversaries of death: Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Gallagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donavan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating,

Recently Deceased: Dionesio Dela Cruz, Ledda Simeon, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore,

Readings of the Day – 3rd Sunday of Easter —Year B



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 Psalm: 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 Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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 Jn 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 Reading Lk 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.'

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| LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER | | | |
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| Lectors | | | |
| Mass | 17/18 Apr | 24/25 Apr | |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | Scott Pobihun Eleanor Noorli | Louise Zavone Joe Zavone | |
| 6.00pm (SPC) | Fiona Wheeler Geraldene Ford | Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon | |
| 8.00am(SCC) | Liza Quinn Mineke Peerboom | Phillip Pocock Becky Langworthy | |
| 9.30am (SPC) | Ruth Meadows Clarice Poh | Ruth Meadows Lynn Chan | |
| 11.00am (SCC) | Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell | Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman | |
| 5.30pm(SCC) | Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden | Scott Pobihun Rebecca O'Meagher | |