

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

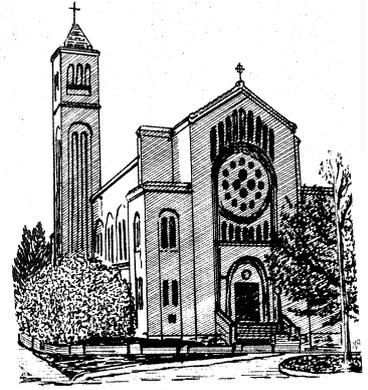
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

— Year A

25/26 Jan 2020

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



## Sunday Mass

### **St Christopher's**

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

**Sunday:** 8.00am,  
11.00am (sung) & cuppa  
5.30pm

### **St Peter Chanel's**

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 9.30am

## Weekday Mass

### **St Christopher's**

**Monday to Saturday:** 12.15pm  
**Tuesday to Friday:** 7.30am

### **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—12.00pm  
**Thursday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm  
**Saturday:** 11.00am - 12noon

### **St Peter Chanel's**

**Tuesday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm  
**Saturday:** 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Adoration & Benediction

### **St Christopher's:**

Tues-Friday weekly 5-6pm (except  
1st Thurs).

Adoration: First Friday of the  
month 12.45-2pm.

Holy Hour & Benediction for dis-  
cernment of Priestly vocations: 1st  
Thurs of the month 7-8pm

**Vespers** First Sundays, 6.30pm

## Baptisms

**St Christopher's:** 2nd & 4th  
Sundays, 12.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** 3rd  
Sun, 10.30am

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday  
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** By arrangement

## PARISH OFFICE

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**Parish Secretary:** Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

*Happy Australia Day* to all parishioners and visitors.

What a glorious and beautiful country we live in, with so much to give thanks for, and yet in these days it is the destruction and havoc of fires and drought, which occupies our minds and hearts.

On January 20, Archbishop Christopher recalled: "...we are in the midst of a most dangerous bushfire season. Already too many lives have been lost. The destruction... is widespread. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and communities impacted during this time of bushfires, [and] we continue our prayers for more rain in our drought-stricken land... Our Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has been severely impacted both with the drought and now the bushfires; ...the smoke haze is virtually a daily health concern for so many." The Archbishop then observed however, the great compassion and love shown in these days by so many. "Typically [though], the practical generosity of the Archdiocese has been immediate. The financial twinning of city parishes with fire effected parishes and the generosity of so many others is a wonderful example of practical charity. Extra co-ordination of our educational, health and social services is evident to ensure those most in need are receiving help and our prayerful support."

I can't help but ask, is this not what we celebrate on this Australia day? This love we bear for each other, is that not what really makes Australia the wonderful country it is?

In the past week the Archbishop has made pastoral visits to our South Coast parishes, and those affected in and around Tumut, assuring all of our prayerful and practical support.

The season of bushfire and drought is far from over; and so our support will continue. To this end, **the Australian Catholics Bishops Conference** has implemented a **national response**. Conference President, Archbishop Coleridge writes: "Expressions of solidarity are important, but... not enough... this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church." A national collection will therefore be taken up in all parishes across Australia on this Australia Day weekend; all funds being donated to the Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Our own Archdiocese in the immediate days and weeks responded to such a need without haste, and so while a formal collection won't be taken this weekend, if you would like to donate, there will be an opportunity after each Mass, as in weeks past.

The Australian Bishops have also implemented a nation response which includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of prayers and resources for use in parishes, families and Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, and the St Vincent de Paul Society to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries. (the full statement is available at the back of the church and online).

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength. May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm. May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light. And May God bless us and our Country, this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, this day and always. Our Lady Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia: Pray for us

**Happy Australia Day!**

*Fr Trenton*

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

**RCIA**—Fr Trenton van Reesch  
*Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm*

**School of Religion**

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 27 Jan	Sts Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici
Tue 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas
Wed 29 Jan	3rd week in Ord. time
Thu 30 Jan	3rd week in Ord. time
Fri 31 Jan	St John Bosco
Sat 1 Jan	Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 2 Jan	The Presentation of the Lord

**Legion of Mary**  
*Wednesday at 6.15pm*  
*Haydon Hall*

**St Vincent de Paul**  
*Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community*

**Young Adults**  
*Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation*  
*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC*  
*Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177*

**Good Shepherd Prayer Group**  
*Wednesday at 7pm SPC*  
*Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

**Christian Meditation**  
*Saturday at 5pm SPC*  
*"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

## 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*

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

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR VICTIMS AND RELIEF FROM THE FIRES**—Our prayers of sadness and grief for those who are suffering the fires, and for those who have died, are always tempered by the hope that we bear as Christians. The consolation and love promised us by Jesus is a beacon of hope to all those who suffer. Join us in prayer and solidarity with all those who are suffering and who have already lost so much. We pray for rain to quench our dry land and the fires which continue to threaten. **3-5pm Sundays in January, Saint Christopher's Cathedral.** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosaries & prayer intentions. All are most welcome.

**SUNG VESPERS** -Vespers will be sung by the Cathedral Choir on Sunday 2 February at 6.30pm. All welcome to join with the choir in prayer and song.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** RCIA is the process through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. Let us keep those people in our prayers who will receive the Sacraments at Easter.

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (GERMANY) CONCERT** —Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky & Paganini—11 Feb, 8pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au), Tel 136100 or cash at the door one hour prior to the concert.

**A DAILY HOLY HOUR:** "O come, let us adore Him" is the familiar antiphon resounding through the Christmas season, and yet still, every day, the Church continues to call out, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," inviting us, to believe, to hope, to love, to adore, and to be consoled by the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.** From February 2020, Holy Hour will commence at the Cathedral on **Tuesdays to Fridays, 5pm to 6pm.** Pope Francis reminds us that "If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." So come... let us adore Him!

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR VOLUNTEERS**—Volunteers in the Cathedral Parish ministries who were unable to attend last December's Christmas function, please contact the Parish office to organise the collection of your Thank You Gift from the Parish. Call Michelle on 6239 9846.

### 2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

**Confirmation** classes starts Mon, 27 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](http://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, 27 May 2020 at 5.30pm.

**First Reconciliation** classes start 15 June for 29 July.

**First Eucharist** classes start 17 August for 20 September.

**LENTEN PROGRAM REFLECTION GROUPS** – would YOU be interested in running or participating in a small Lenten Reflection Group with your fellow parishioners? Possible resource—see below notice 'Grace'. For expression of interest, please contact the Parish Office.

**LENTEN PROGRAM BOOKLET 'GRACE' FOR SALE SOON**—Features short daily reflections that accompany our major focus on the Lenten Sunday Gospels with spiritual direction. Retail @ \$9.90 but the Cathedral is subsidising @ \$5.00. Please pay \$5.00 per book into the Poor Box or pay online: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>.

Pope Francis invites us to hold the word of God in our hands each day. The daily readings can be found and accessed free on the Living Word <https://cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/>. Subscribe today.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS**—Theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Humble, healing and merciful**; 6.30-9:00pm: 28 Jan 2020, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. **Please note consecutive session times have changed.**

*A joyful, hope-filled and servant community* **Tuesday February 11th, Parish Rm**  
*Open to conversion renewal and reform* **Tuesday February 18th, Parish Rm**



### Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

**Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.**

## OTHER NEWS

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—

Archbishop Christopher and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOLLOWING THE BUSHFIRES** - Sunday, 2 February, 6-7pm, Canberra Baptist Church. Join Canberra's Christian Churches for an ecumenical prayer service for the communities, bushland and wildlife affected by the bushfires.

**CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING** —3 February, 12.30pm, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. The guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in outback Australia. New members and visitors most welcome.

**PASTORAL CARE COURSE:** Are you interested in learning the basics of Pastoral Care? In increasing your capacity to be a reflective listener and to support others in a spiritual and empathic form of supportive care? Clinical Pastoral Education is an internationally recognised course and a 5 week Introductory Course will be running at Queanbeyan Hospital on Wednesdays, 9-5, from Feb 19-Mar 18. Cost is from \$350-\$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com) for more details.

**WHAT IS PRAYER?** Join Fr Michael for a series of talks on prayer. Beginning on Sunday 16 February 2020 after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. All invited. Tea & coffee available. **16 February**—What is prayer; **23 February**—How to pray with the bible "Lectio Divina"; **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; **8 March**—How to pray the Rosary; **15 March**—What is Sacrament?; **22 March**—What is Eucharist? **29 March**—What is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?; **5 April**—What is Liturgy?

**A PILGRIMS' WALKING RETREAT**—14-16 Feb, from 6.00pm to Sunday 16th at 3.00pm. Enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the Pilgrim walking the Shalom Labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises. Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation). Phone: 63673058. Em: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) WWW: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**—15-16 – Feb. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) Choose any of the coming Weekends: May 2-3, August 1-2, November 7-8.

**VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE**—Wed. 19 Feb, 7.30pm, Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Speaker: The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC. Ken is a leading jurist, Supreme Court Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and Commissioner for Standards for the Legislative Assembly. Info: [www.ces.org.au](http://www.ces.org.au).

**SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**—20-22 March — weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Through keynote talks and workshops, mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & quality sisterhood, women are given the opportunity to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ & develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages Of life. Registration Ticket - \$270 including meals & accommodation. Tickets can be purchased via [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au).

**EMMAUS JOURNEY** —"They recognised him in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35) Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Presenter Father Pat Corbett C.Ss.R. This retreat is designed for people in the 'second half of life'. A gentle four day experience of wholeness and wellbeing. Ensuite room \$550, shared facilities \$450. Contact Saint Clements Retreat Centre 02 6380 5222, or <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/emmaus-journey/>



**Let us give thanks for Our Land and its people.**

O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new. May Your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert, and may Your Spirit prompt us to use Your gifts for the good of all.

You love this great southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves encircle our shores so may

Your mercy enfold us all.

Amen.



**Tap & Go PayWave Machine** to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

### We pray for...

**Those who are ill:** Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Katarina Kish

**Anniversaries of death:** Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Helen Burt, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak, Rhys Summergreene, Margaret Riley

**Recently Deceased:** Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano, Rosalie Novak, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson, John Arganese, Antonio Russo,

## Readings of the Day – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

### First Reading

**Is 8:23 – 9:3**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

### Second Reading

**1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### Gospel Reading

**Mt 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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<b>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER</b>				
<b>Lectors</b>			<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist</b>	
<i>Mass</i>	<i>25/26 Jan</i>	<i>1/2 Feb</i>	<i>25/26 Jan</i>	<i>1/2 Feb</i>
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	Geraldene Ford Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham
8.00am (SCC)	Liz Porra Philip Pocock	Philip Pocock Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Liza Quinn
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Lynn Chan Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	Filipino Community Cecilia Flores	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey
5.30pm (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Jonathan Lee	Jonathan Lee Cecilia Moar	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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