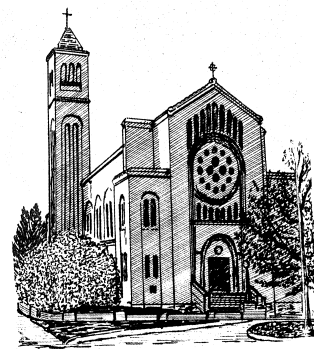


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday of Lent,
Year B
3 March 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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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

ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE COSNUMES ME

The temple for the Jewish people was everything. It was the economic, political, social, and religious centre of life. Yet even more important than this, it was the dwelling place of God and of the sacred. Here the human and the divine encountered each other; heaven and earth met.

Now all of this was well and good, at least in principle. This was how it was supposed to be. Yet the prophets remind the nation constantly that the temple rituals had become perverted. That corruption had crept into what was once a place of prayer. Over time, false gods had become resident in the sacred, often without many even noticing.

In the season of Lent we begin to see that this same compromise is familiar to the human heart. What 'false gods' have subtly taken abode in my own life? In the temple of which I am a part by virtue of my baptism, is God the centre of worship, or have other things taken priority and pride of place?

One of the great messianic expectations was that the Messiah would cleanse the temple and restore order and right worship; not for *His* benefit, but for the benefit and dignity of those He loves. And here is the Messiah who comes to turn the temple once more into a place of prayer – what it was meant to be!

In the initial court of the temple, money changers would sit and exchange coins with Caesar's image upon them, into the coin which could be used in the temple. These coins in turn were used for the treasury and to buy animals, like doves, sheep and oxen, for temple sacrifice.

The money exchangers and those selling animals were *meant* to be there. They were necessary and right for the worship and sacrifice prescribe by the law. However... this necessary custom had become no longer about providing means to worship, but now, an end in itself. The intention of the sellers was not now primarily to facilitate right worship, but first to make a buck, to line pockets, to take advantage of the widow and worshiper.

False gods had entered the temple to steal the hearts and devotions of those who belonged to the one True God. It is not hard to see why Jesus was consumed with zeal at such an injustice; infuriated at what the Temple had become out of greed and pride. His Father's house was no more a place of encounter between the human and divine, but had become a marketplace! Jesus is consumed with zeal – divine love overflowing – driven by desire to eradicate all that destroys us from being a worthy dwelling place for him.

In Jesus Himself we now behold the true encounter of the human and divine. And, if Jesus is the new and true temple, then so too are we. We have become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, as members of Christ's Body in our baptism. ... So now imagine Jesus' reaction when he encounters sin in his temple—in you and in me. It does not belong there, and Christ will not hesitate to drive it out.

Lent provides us an opportunity to make the same examination.

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon	Mar 4	3rd Week of Lent
Tues	Mar 5	3rd Week of Lent
Wed	Mar 6	3rd Week of Lent
Thu.	Mar 7	3rd Week of Lent
Fri.	Mar 8	3rd Week of Lent
Sat.	Mar 9	3rd Week of Lent
Sun	March 10	4th Sunday of LENT 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.

LENT—STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5pm each FRIDAY during Lent.
Saint Christopher's Cathedral.



- Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence (no meat).
- Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. In Lent, we omit the "Alleluia" at Mass.

ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN LIGHTHOUSES

Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse on a Lenten Retreat through his Sunday Homilies. "What have I done for Christ?", "What am I doing for Christ?", "What ought I do for Christ?"

You can find the first and second lighthouse inputs on the Catholic Voice website or via the Qr Code



CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – Bach's *St John Passion* - 300th Anniversary - 1724-2024. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Performances on **Saturday 16 March at 7.45pm & Sunday 17 March at 2.00pm** at **St Christopher's Cathedral**. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com

THE ROUNDTABLE– SACRAMENTAL INITIATION— Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church . **21 March 4:30pm-6:00pm, Haydon Hall**. REGISTER at cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) and In-Person.

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2024— Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or at 1800 024 413. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations



LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES: Please join us on **15 and 22 March**, after Stations of the Cross, to continue our Lenten journey and prepare for Easter with reflections, Adoration and the opportunity for confession. **6pm in the Cathedral Crypt** - all are welcome!

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— Confirmation classes start **Tues 2 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Confirmation will take place on Saturday **18 May 2024** at the **5pm Vigil**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Holy Communion will start on the **9 May** for the **2 June** and First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

THE FARM IN GALONG Ltd (the Farm) - a residential rehabilitation centre established to address the needs of women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. We help them transition from the live-in program to independent living, restoring children who may have been removed, repairing relationships with family and in the community, and ultimately making a recovery permanent. Hands Across Canberra, consider donating today: giving.handscrosscanberra.org.au/event/the-farm-in-galong/home



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/ **Thank you for your generosity**

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/

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.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

A Lenten Journey - The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us each Wednesday evening for talks, sharing groups and worship. Deepen your faith this Lent and draw closer to Jesus. **Weds 21 Feb to Weds 27 March, 7pm-9pm**, Parish Room, St Peter Chancels, Weston St, Yarralumla. Call/text Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293, Gabriel 0422 285 491 for more info.

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, at SFX Hall at **11am on 16 March 2024.** Followed by lunch at 1882 restaurant in Hall. For further details: lore-to.canberra@gmail.com

The Caritas Project Compassion Appeal is now available in the Parish QKR App. Your donation helps Caritas Australia in their work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



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: Ayla Whitfield,

Those who are ill: 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: Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Keith McLaughlin, Shirley Evans, Anthony Donohoe, Nuala Kelly, Maura Kelly, Bri Humphreys, Alberto Alfredo Bonansea, Claudia De Salazar, Zoa Molina, Jose Rafael Naar Salazar, Javier Family, Patricia & Bernie Shepherd, Lea Connellan, Guthrie family, Margaret and Michel Quinn

Recently Deceased: Anna Nguyen Thi Minh (mother of Deacon Don), Suzanne Wall, Dora Marleny Rodriguez Navarro, Kevin Allen, Mark Canning, Meg Dooley, Joan Percy (mother of Father Tony Percy), Ray Finnegan, Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Giysetino Ricciuti, Rathesh Fernando (brother of Fr Rembert Fernando) Geraldine Conlan, Neville Reece

3rd Sunday of Lent —Year B — 2/3 March



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Second Reading

1 Cor. 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

READERS ROSTER MARCH

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	2/3 March	9/10 March	2/3 March	9/10 March
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Les Buszynski		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Becky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Fiona Wheeler	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Anthony Brierley	Les Buszynski Bianca Goh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Sarah Thatcher Samuel Thatcher	Liz Porra Rebekah O'Meagher		

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