

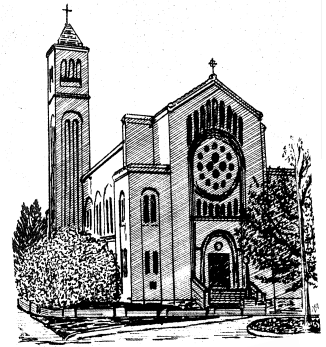


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C -
23 Jan 2022

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

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),
5.00pm **Note new time*

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

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

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

On Tuesday we celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul. Saul, who later received the name Paul, was a relentless persecutor of Christians. At the moment of his conversion we hear the voice of the Lord ask: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). This is a turning point in how we understand Christ's Body and so ours, the Church.

Saul asks "Who are you, Lord?" only to receive the reply, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." (v.5). Notice, Jesus does not ask, "why are you persecuting my followers in Damascus?", or "Those who speak my Name", but 'why are you persecuting *me*?' In Matthew's gospel he'll teach, 'just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40). Jesus' Body is our body, and ours, his. This is no mere symbol, but a living, tangible truth.

Today Jesus is found in the synagogue, "as was his custom" on the Sabbath, reading from prophet Isaiah. At this early moment of his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This passage from Isaiah defines his ministry – it is a place of a *new beginning*. Jesus, is the fulfilment of the ancient promise. "Today.... fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus proclaims: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." Only weeks ago we heard the Spirit hovered over Jesus in the Jordan. But the Spirit is upon him to do something! To preach Good News to the poor, sight to the blind, and release to captives – a captivity and blindness which are more than physical!

In short, Jesus is inaugurating the 'acceptable year of the Lord', a significant phrase to the Jewish people. Every 50 years they would celebrate a kind of jubilee which promised the release of slaves, forgiveness of debts, and a return of lands. This tradition became the framework for God's promise of salvation. Indeed, in Jesus something entirely *new* begins. For he not only announces God's salvation, but brings it about in his very Person. True release, true forgiveness and the true promise of a lasting homeland.

It is the anointing which Jesus received which brought about such release. When Jesus does this he is teaching us too: 'following the path I tread, as living members of my body, follow in my footsteps. Follow as I have followed; *not my will but the Father's be done* (Mk 14:36).

As members of Christ's *living* body, we are not passive travellers, but called and anointed to play our role in the body, instruments of that same power and mission to reconcile and forgive. To loosen the bonds of others, as members of God's Body. Christ working in and through his people.

This means forgiving those who have hurt us. One of the hardest things to do, and impossible with human strength alone. We are to sanctify the world through our daily work. Protect the dignity of human life and creation with our voices. And actively become living witnesses of the Hope Jesus alone gives in the darkness. This is what we are 'anointed' to do. And when we do, we build up the body of Christ.

This is the *One ministry of Jesus*, alive in his Body the Church, 'today, being fulfilled in our hearing' – the great jubilee!

With affection and prayers, Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon. Jan 24	3rd week Ord. Time
	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Tues. Jan 25	The Conversion of Saint Paul, feast.
Wed. Jan 26	3rd week Ord. Time
	Australia Day
Thurs. Jan 27	3rd week Ord. Time
	<i>Ss. Timothy and Titus</i>
Fri. Jan 28	3rd week Ord. Time
	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
Sat. Jan 29	3rd week Ord. Time
	<i>Mass of the BVM</i>

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 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 begins Feb.*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

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

Updated Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19—13/01/2022

CAPACITY—restrictions permit 1 person/family group per 2sqm. Bookings are NOT required to attend Mass or the Sacraments.

- ◆ **Facemasks MUST be worn** in the Cathedral and St Peter's, **properly, and at all times.**
- ◆ All **MUST use the Check-in CBR App.**
- ◆ Music permitted but no congregational singing until further notice.
- ◆ Communion **in the hand only**, until further notice (due to the highly contagious nature of the latest variant of COVID-19).
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms, stay at home until recovered.

WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS AUSTRALIA DAY— Public Holiday, please note Mass is at 9am in Saint Christopher's and 12:15pm.

PARISH EMAIL DATABASE – We now email the bulletin as well as parish happenings. To join our mailing list, email cathedral@cg.org.au

DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT – Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDERS – now available at the Catholic bookshop.

PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING – *Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course.* 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care: What is Pastoral/Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. 5 Wednesdays, from Mar 2 to Mar 30, 9-5pm, Queanbeyan, \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt, 0431 243 486 or susannecpe@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL GARDENER – Seeking a gardener to assist in keeping the Cathedral gardens tidy, flourishing and welcoming! Please contact the parish office :)

2022 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM - Confirmation classes starts Tues, 3 May, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. For Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. Enroll: cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office. Confirmation will take place in St Christopher's, Wed, 8 June 2022 at 6pm. First Reconciliation classes start 26 July for 24 Aug. First Eucharist classes start 18 Oct for 13 November.

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO! – Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. Currently the Vatican's ambassador to the Czech Republic, Archbishop Balvo was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1976. We look forward to warmly welcoming His Excellency, and assure him of our prayers.

A BLESSED AUSTRALIA DAY – 26th January

We give thanks for Our Land and it's 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.

OTHER NEWS



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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers);
or Donation (by parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

You can also Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

A purpose-built secure parish app to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. 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**

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — ATT: Daily Mass Book 2022 - please check : If you are missing pages 64–91 please return to the Catholic Bookshop to exchange it for a new book. Shop located in St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY— "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church has embarked on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. Make a submission via an online portal, now open. Make a 250 word submission at catholic.org.au/synodalchurch The diocesan consultation phase has been extended to the 15th August 2022. Dates and resources catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. We will also make a submission as a parish community.

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA — As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit www.aidtochurch.org

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ARCHDIOCESE WOMEN'S TASKFORCE — Visit our website: womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA— The fruits of the first general assembly have been gathered together in a new report with dozens of proposals to shape the ongoing Plenary Council journey. Access this at: bit.ly/FirstAssembly

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22—26 JUNE 2022 — hosted by the Diocese of Rome, with Pope Francis leading celebrations. The Holy Father has asked that *the World Meeting of Families* be celebrated concurrently in every diocese in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". For more information contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869. For general information see: romefamily2022.com

We pray for...

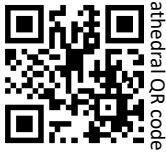
For the People of Tonga and those suffering terribly in Myanmar

Those to be baptised: Isla Skelly & Jasmine Bague

Those who are ill: Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon, Kevin & Geraldine Conlan.

Anniversaries of death: Georgia Hurley, 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, Julian Radjam

Recently Deceased: Matthew Casey, John De Freitas, Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Denis Gilmour, Fr. Brendan Shannon, Fransiska Setiowati Silasudjana, Fr. Stan Barry CM, Sr M Andre Guthrie, Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning.



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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: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

First Reading

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-30 (Shorter Version 12:12-14,27)

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			
Mass	22/23 Jan	29/30 Jan	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Crystal Lavien	Crystal Lavien Becky Langworthy	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Felicity de Fombelle	Dione Smith Fiona Wheeler	
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Rebekah O'Meagher	Phil Pocock Louise Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Gloria Osborne	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	
11.00am (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Bronwen Grey Jacqui Ramesh	
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Ruth Meadows	Annabelle Devitt Jacob Madden	

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