



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



4th Sunday in
Advent
Year B -
20 Dec 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

**Masses at St Christopher's
will be offered with a maxi-
mum 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
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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),
5.30pm

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

REMINDER: CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

Christmas Masses this year will require register online through Trybooking. Unfortunately, only limited numbers can gather inside for each Mass in accord with health protocols. Thankyou for your understanding and constant patience during this unsettling year.

Please print your ticket and present upon entry.

**St Peter Chanel's Masses - Yarralumla - [http:// www.trybooking.com/ BNJVH](http://www.trybooking.com/BNJVH)
Saint Christopher's Cathedral - Manuka - [http:// www.trybooking.com/BNJYD](http://www.trybooking.com/BNJYD)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral parish,
Pope Francis recently proclaimed a *Year of Saint Joseph* through his *Apostolic Letter Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), to be held through to December 8th 2021. This letter is a significant one, both in its timing and for the fact that marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Pope Francis explains that the aim of this unique year is "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." Francis describes St. Joseph as a "beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows."

During the pandemic of the past 12 months, Francis has called on St Joseph for the Church and the world, explaining how he had wanted to share some reflections on the person of Joseph for some time - the pandemic merely increasing this desire and motivation. The crisis our world faces, he writes, highlights the importance of the quiet, humble, and faithful worker; "Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others." All people, the Pope reminds us "can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

Saint Joseph in this way, as he takes up his place quietly, and humbly in the Christmas nativity remains the model of Christian life and love. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Indeed, Saint Joseph reminds us all, of our own personal vocation and role in bringing the joy and hope of the Incarnation into our world and the lives of those we know. To protect and love this Truth we have been given.

How significant this masculine, fatherly figure is as we prepare ourselves to welcome the Birth of Christ this week. Joseph had a profound trust in God's providence, and despite the hurdles and confusion at first news of Mary's pregnancy, he honoured and protected her in love. Despite the threats and uncertainty of the flight into Egypt, the slaughter of innocence and no room in the inn, he remained all embracing of God's will, with his own '*fiat*' (yes), echoing that of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus himself in the Garden, "regardless of the hardship involved".

But not only did Joseph trust in God—God also trusted him, the Pope notes. "Chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother." God acting on his creative courage.

What a year it has been! But friends, let us now draw near to Joseph in imitation of his creative courage - this Christmas in a particular way - who in choosing to face difficult situations with faith and trust, knew his God would give him the grace and strength, at times he may have doubted he had. And so with us.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Cathedral Administrator

PARISH NEWS

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Thursday Evenings 6pm. Contact office to register your interest.

School of Religion

Watch this space for 2021 Sacramental program dates.

Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 21 Dec 4th week of Advent
Tue 22 Dec 4th week of Advent
Wed 23 Dec 4th week of Advent
Thu 24 Dec 4th week of Advent
Fri 25 Dec The Nativity of the Lord
Sat 26 Dec St Stephen, 1st martyr
Sun 27 Dec The Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—
in recess atm.

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

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

DISRUPTIONS TO CATHEDRAL ENTRY AND PARKING: Significant repair work is being undertaken on the Cathedral bell tower and roofs over these weeks. Thank you for your continuing patience. Pedestrian access and disabled parking has been moved during this time. Please follow signs when entering and exiting.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Thank you to all who contributed to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this year. We have had an incredible response of generosity, which will change the lives of many in our Canberra-Goulburn community. Thank you, from the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel SVdP.

RECONCILIATION TIMES IN ADVENT: In preparation for Christmas, Confession times have been extended (NB: these are in addition to regular times). Tuesday-Wednesday. 30 minutes before each Midday Mass 11:30-12pm & during adoration from 5pm-6pm.

CONGRATULATIONS - to all our students as they wrap up another wonderful year. May the staff, students, and families of all our Archdiocesan schools have a Holy, Joyous and Restful Christmas.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR 2020 - will take place at Christmas Masses. This year the appeal will support the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal; local, diocesan projects within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese; as well as project in the Dioceses of Otuokpo, Nigeria, Thamarassery, India and Gizo Diocese PNG. Within Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a multipurpose hall at a school for migrant children from Kiribati and Malaita in Nusabaruku.

DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP: To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, we have introduced the "Check In Cbr" App. The App is free, download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. All data is secure, it saves time and you don't have to touch the pen! Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN as well, to ensure numbers are not exceeded.

NO PARISH MASS at St Peter Chanel's at 10am on Christmas Eve.

REQUEST FOR COVID MARSHALLS FOR WEEKEND MASSES — Thank you to those who have offered assistance. The parish office is seeking volunteers who can ensure the correct sign-in procedure is followed at Masses. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Garden group are about to begin the next exciting new phase on the Saint Peter Chanel's' garden project and are calling for volunteers. Contact: Mick Roche (0400 066 408).

NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION & MASS —31 Dec, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla, 9pm Adoration and Mass at 11.45pm.

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS: *Patris Corde* - Joseph is a man who goes "unnoticed", who welcomes the mystery and puts himself at its service, never putting himself at the centre, but who resolves things that are impossible. In *Patris corde*, the Pope describes St Joseph's qualities as a true husband and father, in whom "Jesus saw the tender love of God". http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN—closes 24 Dec at 1pm, opens 4 Jan 2021.

Christmas Mass Timetable 24-25 December

An online booking system has been set up for Christmas Masses as Covid restrictions still apply. Bookings essential through **Trybooking**—see links below:

- St Peter Chanel's Christmas Masses - 4 Masses at Yarralumla - <http://www.trybooking.com/BNJVH>
- Saint Christopher's Cathedral Masses - 7 Masses Manuka - <http://www.trybooking.com/BNJYD>

TICKETS MUST BE PRINTED OFF AND PRESENT ON ENTRY TO THE CHURCH. Signing in on entry is also still required.

St Christopher's Cathedral

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- 8.00pm Vigil Mass
- 12 Midnight
- 8.00am
- 10.00am
- 11.00am
- 5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

- 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- 9.00pm Vigil Mass
- 9.00am
- 10.30am



OTHER NEWS

Mass 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/>

Parish Collections: Like many in our community our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council strongly 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 debit and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, only 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are securely stored and destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, 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. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

Weston Creek Men's Shed—The Men's Shed will be accepting donations for the farmers (tools etc) at the 37 Bangalay Cres, Rivett. Contact Allen on 0414 525 778. Open Tues & Fri 9.30am-1pm & Thur 9.30am-3pm.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil—31 Dec, 8pm, St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft St, Dickson. The Marian Movement of Priests invites you to the 14th annual Canberra New Year's Eve Vigil. 1st Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries); 2nd Cenacle at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries); 3rd Cenacle at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries); 4th Cenacle at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries). Exposition from 8.00pm until Midnight Mass. Benediction will take place before Midnight Mass. Enquiries: Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers—Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year. Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops

Catholic Book Shop—Thank you for your support of Canberra Catholic Bookshop over the year. It has been our pleasure to serve you and all profits support the work of the Archdiocese. We will be closed beginning 23rd of December until January 10th. On January 11th we will return to our usual business hours of Monday to Friday 9:30am – 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Wishing you and your families much joy and happiness over the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year. *David, Katie, Anne and Elizabeth*



Engaged Encounter Retreat—20-21 Feb 2021. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Gifts of Faith—A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

COLUMBAN CALENDARS - available for purchase at the Catholic bookshop.

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.



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal is now available within your Parish Qkr! App.
Please help us make a difference, both locally and globally, by donating to the appeal.



A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Zoe Kasunic; Megan Kaminskas Rodriguez; Amani & Amora Nyingmah; Aleksanteri Hakkinen

Those who are ill: Katarina Imsinovic, 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

Anniversaries of death: Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Federick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner

Recently Deceased: Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin,

Readings of the Day – 4th Sunday of Advent —Year B



Cathedral QR code

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

First Reading

2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Second Reading

Rom 16:25-27

Be Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Christmas Masses	
Mass	19/20 Dec	26/27 Dec	Cathedral	St Peter Chanel's
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Eleanor Noorli	Stewart Unwin Ceciley Matthews	6pm V —L Quinn & B Grey 8pm V —J Hipwell & C Matthews	5.30pm V—M Nash & P Pocock 9pm V—F Wheeler & assigned
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldene Ford Wanda Kaucz	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	Midnight—S Pobihun & L Galloway 8am—M Peerboom & B Langworthy	9am—W Kaucz & M Peerboom 10.30am—R Meadows & S Pobihun
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Mineke Peerboom Phillip Pocock	10am—M Hyman & E Hyman 11am—M Hyman & E Hyman	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Liz Porra	Colliss Parrett Wanda Kaucz	5pm—P Pocock & G Wright	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Lynn Chan	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Peter Carrigy-Ryan Gabrielle Wright	Gabrielle Wright Peter Carigy-Ryan	n/a	n/a

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