



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

7th Sunday of Easter
Year C -
29 May 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Alexander Osborne



Solemnity of the
Ascension
of the Lord

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

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

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 (& Public Holidays):
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

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

The Ascension of the Lord

As a child, the tabernacle lamp fascinated me I and often found my eyes fixed upon it. It was mesmerising, mysterious and comforting. Of course, as I grew older I began to learn what it spoke of: Jesus' true presence in the tabernacle. Constant and reliable. Day and night. I remember marveling that when the lights were turned off and the doors locked... there was Jesus, still, always remaining.

Some years ago, as I went to lock the church, I found myself reflecting upon all that was occurring in the world, near and far. This week was a similar experience. Before locking the doors, I sat in silence before our Lord, but now, noticing something different. I found myself absorbed not on the light, but 'distracted' by the darkness that surrounded the light. Which is what darkness always seeks to do! Distract! The darkness filled the chapel, almost as if threatening the flame.

I thought to myself – as in years past – what an powerful analogy for the darkness so many are experiencing.

Only this week we heard of yet another horrific murder of the most innocent, this time in Texas. As well as the appalling crimes of war which continue to echo out of Ukraine. But it's not just these. I think too of the insidious darkness and manipulative rhetoric surrounding euthanasia. And all this, in the same democracy which has just emerged from lockdowns designed to *protect* and preserve human life, and its 'worth'. Puzzling... And then of course there is the darkness which clouds our own hearts day to day.

In these times, the world seems more than usual, stooped in darkness. And many do ask: where is God in all of this? Where is He in a world like ours? Many could feel abandoned. Perhaps (one would assume), a feeling the disciples experienced as Jesus ascended to heaven? The Lord, once so close, so real, now vanishing from their sight?

Yet... the Gospel today tells us that the reaction of the disciples could not be more different. Far from feeling abandoned, they are full of joy! It would make more sense to read how shattered and confused they were. But no! Not only are they not upset, they are resolved in their mission, their relationship, and so their identity.

Soon the disciples will preach everywhere where darkness once dwelt, but does no more! Why? Because in this moment they realise the truth of Jesus' promise. A promise which was theirs and so too is ours. This Christ, this God was to be closer to them than ever before. He leaves, in order to come closer.

The truth is, Jesus rose from the dead, but he did not come 'back' from death. Jesus went forward. Transcending and destroying death forever. Forward into Life. This new Life does not reverse the past, but claims it for its own and so transforms it. And it is the Breath, the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises will descend upon his disciples, Who makes this possible. The same breath which raised Him from death, will raise the disciples too from the darkness which threatens them.

The disciples finally understood and relished this truth, and were filled with Joy!

This is especially important for us in these days. Today is a celebration of Jesus' presence with us, not his disappearance. He withdraws from one kind of presence, only to become another kind of presence, through the Divine, life giving Breath which pervades every corner of the human heart; its confusion and suffering.

Jesus has risen to the Father and we now wait in the Upper Room with the disciples, for the Breath of God, the Holy Spirit. God never abandons his own... rather, like that little light surrounded by darkness – the darker the darkness becomes, the brighter the Light and so the Truth of Jesus shines, faithfully journeying with us in this world and never going out.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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*Miss Becky Langworthy
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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 30	Mon of the 7th week of Easter
Tues May 31	Tues of the 7th week of Easter
Wed June 1	Wed of the 7th week of Easter <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thu. June 2	Thurs of the 7th week of Easter <i>St Justin</i>
Fri. June 3	Fri of the 7th week of Easter <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>
Sat. June 4	Sat of the 7th week of Easter
Sun. June 5	Pentecost Sunday

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 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL 2022

The 2022 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity to spiritually and financially support the Formation of our Seminarians. You can make a gift through **envelopes**, giving at: cgatholic.org.au/goodshep; (02) 6239 9801. For more information: giving@cg.org.au.
May Christ, our High Priest, raise up a new generation of priests in our Archdiocese!

COVID SAFE MASS– Sunday 29 May 2pm at the Cathedral for families and individuals who have been unable to attend Mass on account Covid. **Masks and distancing will be observed.**

2022 PLANNED GIVING FORM/RENEWAL are available. Please complete this form if you wish to change your contribution or your details. Otherwise, current contributions will remain the same. Direct debit forms are available.

ARCHDIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT - the Code of Conduct is now due for re-signing. We require current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement forms for all parish volunteers, regardless of whether they require a WWVP or WWCC card. The Code of Conduct and acknowledgement can be found at cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/ or copies of the acknowledgement. Need help accessing the Code? Contact us in the office.

THE INAUGURAL TIM FISHER ORATION ON THE ETHICS OF IN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE - 18 August 2022 in the Great Hall, Parliament House, 6pm. Tickets \$30 Visit tfo.org.au The event is a great opportunity for parishioners to either attend or sponsor a young person from their parish. Enquiries: jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au

THE CATHOLIC VOICE PRINTED EDITION HAS RETURNED, now available FREE in church foyers.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP: FIRESIDE CHATS first Friday of the month. Next Fireside Chat June 3, 1:30-2:30pm with Brian Mahony speaking to Richard Rohr. Please register to join by going to www.firesidechats.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD – You are invited to the Priestly Ordination of **Eden Langlands**, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. **Friday 24th June** at 5pm, here at St Christopher's. Fr Eden's Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered the next day at 9am Mass also here at Saint Christopher's. We give thanks for Eden's faithful 'Yes' and assure him always of our support, affection and prayers.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT DINNER- A Holy Hour and dinner for single men discerning a call to the priesthood is organised monthly. A time to pray, discern and share. This month, soon to be ordained Eden Langlands will be sharing on his own discernment and journey. The next evening will be **9th June @6pm**. For more information please contact Fr Trenton at: trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au, or cathedral@cg.org.au.

LAUDATO SI –the Archdiocese has enrolled in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, an initiative of the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development, laudatosiactionplatform.org/ The enrolment is marked by a statement of how the 7 goals of *Laudato Si'* are reflected in the values of the Archdiocese, and how we can respond to the encyclical's message: Find our Archdiocesan reflection on our parish website. **Interested in being involved?** LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com and www.care4creation.org



LAUDATO SI'
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

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).

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**

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL WORKING PARTY – message from Archbishop Christopher. Please see the Catholic Voice website: catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council/ Enquiries: workingparty@cg.org.au

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR - From 1st July 2022, tax deductions will no longer be available for Planned-Giving in Canberra parishes. 5% of Planned Giving in each parish was previously given to the *Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund*; the only tax deductible component of your offering. That Fund is no longer attached to our parishes. Tax deductibility remains for special Archdiocesan donations e.g. The *Annual Retired Priests' Collection*. In 2022 tax receipts from parishes will no longer be issued. Please contact the parish office if you have any further enquiries. We **sincerely** thank you for your ongoing financial support in our Gospel mission.

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Woden North is hosting a *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Liturgy*. 7.30pm, Tues 31 May, in the Parish Centre, Strangways St, Curtin. Refreshments to follow. RSVP to the Parish Office: 6281 3999, or 0417 418 838.

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sightseeing, school trip and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or +61 451 734 334



WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage. The campaign runs until the Second Assembly, opening on Sunday July 3. Resources can be found at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/ Media release: mediablog.catholic.org.au/

THE UPPER ROOM – The Archdiocese, in partnership with *Alpha Australia*, *ACT Churches Council* and the Anglican Diocese, presents: **The Upper Room** to close the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Sat **4th June** 2-4pm. Veritas Building, ACU, Antill St. Watson. For parish and broader leaders to gather, pray for our region and explore common areas of ministry and mission.

2023 Bishops' Synod Submissions from our Archdiocese - The Final Synthesis Report for the Archdiocese - can be downloaded via the Archdiocesan website. cgatholic.org.au/2022/04/2023-bishops-synod-submissions-from-our-archdiocese/

CELEBRATE 50YRS RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER — Southern Cross Club Woden, 1 June. Archbishop Christopher will illustrate the importance of Life Issues for all Christians; Senator Eric Abetz & MLA (Ret) Vicki Dunner. book: bit.ly/RTLdinner or 0418718713



SAINT BEDE'S, RED HILL—NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023 [\(02\) 6295 6559](tel:(02)62956559)

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Erich Rosette

Those who are ill: Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Collis Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter,

Anniversaries of death: Alyssa Henley, Judy Cummins, Frank Brennan, Monica Cooper, Carla Pastrello, Peg O'Hehir, Jane Jennings, Stanley & Mollie Jones, Fr Viv Morrison, Alma Sainsbury, Jack Delaney, Kathleen Bennett, Frances Riordan, Allan Read, Max Bradley, Jean Sunner, Mary O'Brien, Mary Hehir, Jennifer Gowing, David Crossin, Sr Leonie Crotty, Peter Xavier, Michael Rheinberger, Marcus Mumford, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret Gillespie, Sandra Altrin, Robert Porra, Carmel Pickard, Thomas Clowry, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Katarina Kish, Rita O'Connor, Stephen Brooks

Recently Deceased: Molly Reid, Wilhelmina Bosman, Children & Adults in Texas Shooting, Mary June Slocum, Cinara Tonga, Mary Prosser, Bill Hibberson, Amelia Mary-Ann Favretto, Peter Cox, Brone Tumsevics, Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbetter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell, Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutten, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas,



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: '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. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	28/29 May	4/5 June	
5.00pm (SCC)	Les Buszynski Crystal Lavien	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	
9.30am (SPC)	St Bede's Children's Liturgy	Jaye Corcoran Lynn Chan	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqui Ramesh	Cecilia Flores Leanne Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Kevin Woods Francilia Gomes	Crystal Lavien Jacob Madden	

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