

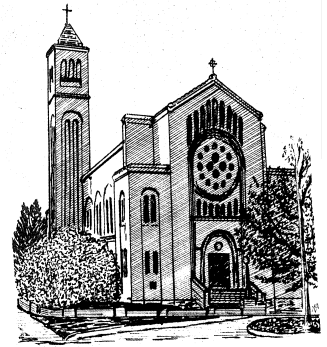


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

4th Sunday of Lent
Year B -
14 Mar 2021

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

4th Sunday of Lent

Nicodemus, to whom we are introduced in this fourth Sunday of Lent, is the image of one who *seeks*. And yet initially, it is Nicodemus' hesitation and uncertainty which keep him from truly seeing. A Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus is mentioned in three places in John's Gospel. The passage from which we hear today recounts his first visit one night to examine Jesus' teachings (John 3:1-21).

We hear this beautifully intimate conversation with Jesus, however in the preceding passage we're told that Nicodemus approaches only under cover of night - a night which echoes the darkness of fear and doubt in the shadows of his own heart. The night becomes his protection. Nicodemus was drawn to Jesus, yet not yet convinced. And he certainly did not want the world knowing that He actually had a place for Jesus, and what He was offering, in his heart. As a result, he simply 'wades' in the shallow pools of faith, not daring to submerging himself... at least, not yet!

As people of faith, we too are all in some ways like Nicodemus. And while it is true to say that it takes a lifetime to fall in love, the question posed to us at this point on our Lenten journey is a serious one. Are we too just 'wading' in pools of faith, or are we genuinely entrusting ourselves to the Word of life and Love which is spoken to us? How do I show such self-surrender to Christ in my life? As a baptised member of Jesus' living Body and thus an evangelist, how am I giving others the courage to come out of the dark and do the same?

On Friday March 19th we celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary -

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture."

As we journey together in the Year of St. Joseph, let us pray to this powerful intercessor using the prayer of Pope Francis,

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

5pm Fridays during Lent, Saint Christopher's Cathedral.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please keep our candidates & catechumens in your prayers.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical

Calendar

Mon 15 Mar	4th week of Lent
Tue 16 Mar	4th week of Lent
Wed 17 Mar	St Patrick, bishop
Thu 18 Mar	4th week of Lent
Fri 19 Mar	St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 20 Mar	4th week of Lent
Sun 21 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent

Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall*

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—
Resumes, February 2021*

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*

NO CATHEDRAL VIGIL 5PM MASS ON 20 MARCH—due to a previously booked wedding.
No Reconciliation at St Peter Chanel's on 23 March due to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE: 18 and 25 of March, Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/. Follow online or join our Parish Group. Email Leeann Gallo-way c/- the Parish Office at cathedral@cg.org.au for further information.

PAPAL ANNIVERSARY MASS—Join Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana celebration Mass for the 8th Anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis. Friday 19 March 5-6pm, St Christopher's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome.

DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP: To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts Tues, 20 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 or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

Easter Services

Bookings for all services (except Stations of the Cross) will be required through trybooking. **Cut off date for all bookings is 1pm Thur 1 Apr. Present your ticket at the door.**

Chrism Mass— Cathedral—Mon 29 Mar, 5pm; - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAJ>

Holy Thursday—Yarralumla—1 Apr, 7pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFB1>

Cathedral—7.30pm—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAT>

Good Friday— Yarralumla - 2 Apr, 10am Station of the Cross (no need to book)

Cathedral—Lord's Passion, 3pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKSA>

Easter Vigil— Cathedral— 3 Apr, 7.30pm—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPKYX>

Easter Sunday - Cathedral—4 Apr, 8am— <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKZO>

Yarralumla— 9.30am—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPLAK>

Cathedral—11am - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKZV>

Cathedral—5.30pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPLAG>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul—We visit the poor and others in need in their homes. We are called by faith to serve our community. We believe we have a responsibility to turn our concern into action. Are you looking for a meaningful way of helping others? Your local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking new members to help serve our neighbours in need. Information meeting: after all Masses on 20 and 21 March. Society members will be available outside the Church. Contact [John Smith_0408113690] for questions or further information.

PARISH EMAIL LIST – The bulletin is emailed weekly to parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish, as well as occasional notices and invitations. If you would like to be added to the email list please contact the parish office: cathedral@cg.org.au

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider re-commencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

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.

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/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** AND sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. NB: Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please DO NOT return bulletins, 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.

Canberra Catholic Bookshop - Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

Neglect of Ageing with Dignity—23 Mar, 7pm. Christians for an Ethical Society forum will be held at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay. More information and registration through Eventbrite.

Daramalan College Enrolment—25 Mar 2021—**Open Evening.** www.daramalan.act.edu.au. Bookings Essential. **"TRY DARA FOR A DAY"** We offer all current Year 6 students an opportunity to visit the College and experience life at Daramalan. (NOTE: Bookings are essential). For more information contact the Registrar: enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au or phone 6245 6348

Merici College Enrolling Now! Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm. Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May. Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October. Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

Continuing the Journey: the instrumentum laboris (working document) for the Plenary Council. Continuing the Journey can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-single-pages.pdf>. As at other stages in the Plenary journey, people are encouraged – individually and collectively – to pray with the document. A simple reflection guide has been produced to support us in this.

Evenings for the Engaged—A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course 10 & 17 July. Contact prugordon@gmail.com or 0451 670 041.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY - The Catholic faith echoes the dignity of all people and welcomes every person as equal members of Christ's Body. To ensure our parish is meeting the needs of the disabled and chronically ill community, have produced a survey to identify and accommodate the unique needs of our members and community. We invite you to complete our survey, available in the Church Franklin street Foyer and on our website. Complete forms can be emailed to the Office or returned to the sacristy at any Mass.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
14th March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: William & Alfred Thomas; Luka Barac; Honor Mikkonen; Luca Pantos; Louis & Madeline Fitch;

Those who are ill: 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: 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

Recently Deceased: Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbbery, Muriel Morgan,

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.*

First Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Reading

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors				
Mass	13/14 Mar	20/21 Mar		
5.00pm (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Ceciley Matthews	Stewart Unwin Eleanor Noorli		
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Felicity de Fombelle	Geraldene Ford Wanda Kaucz		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Jaye Longland	Gloria Osborne Dominic Chin		
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Cecilia Flores	Mark Jyman Lynn Chan		
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Becky Langworthy	Rebekah O'Meagher Gabrielle Wright		

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