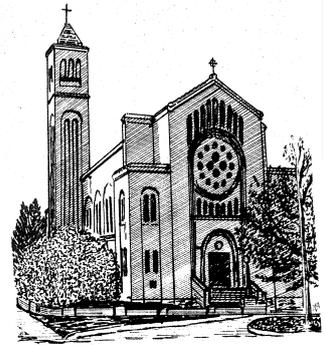


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

4th Sunday of
Lent Year C -
27 March 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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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 **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

Come back to me...

Today, the 4th Sunday of Lent, we hear what is perhaps the greatest of Jesus' parables, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Or perhaps it should be called the parable of the prodigal Father?! While the young man is extravagant in his living and wasting of his father's freely given gift – the father is equally lavish, almost recklessly, with his loving forgiveness.

It is a parable then, which focuses upon the *extravagance* of God, rather than the sinful human being. It begins, like all parables, in a familiar world - yet soon takes us into a strangely unfamiliar world. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling its tremendously powerful message and invitation. This world is the world of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the way to such an inheritance.

A father has two sons. One son has demanded his inheritance and now made off. This was a huge insult to the father who, still alive, obligingly gives all that is his. The son squanders the gift and returns to his father. Even the son's motivation for returning perhaps wasn't that pure. He had lost everything... there was no more, where was he to now go?

But here is where the familiar world escapes us... We hear, the Father, in the most undignified way for a man of his time, *runs* now to his son at first sight of his return! This is the God who runs to meet us, and so destroys all preconceived ideas of who God is and how he acts.

The son has prepared his return home speech, and is ready to go... 'I am no longer worthy to be called your son!' he recites. Yet as he arrives, before he can even finish, the father stops him. As soon as the son utters the word '*worthy*', the Father cuts him off. Why? Because it's never a case of being worthy! The Father loves the son and rejoices at his return, not because he is worthy, but because he is a beloved son! The truth is... the son has not earned the Father's love, and never could. And herein lies the greater truth for you and I...

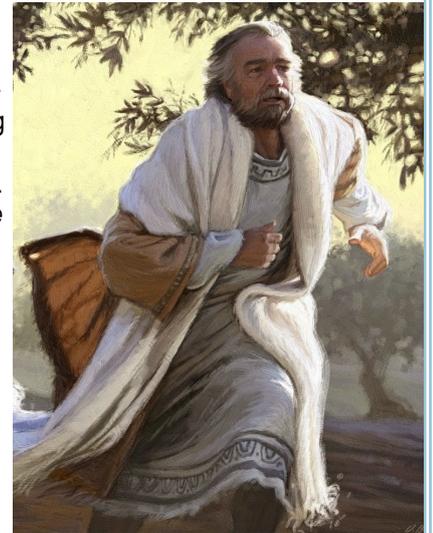
At the same time, we see the older son standing far off, angered, and refusing to come near! And the extraordinary truth is... he too is stuck in the same worldly logic of worthiness... The same pigsty his brother had fallen prey too. He recounts: "All these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders..." that is to say: 'I'm worthy to be called your son! I've earned your love!'

But again, God the Father echoes to him, and indeed to you and I. "I love you not because you have earned it, nor proven yourself, nor satisfied my demands... No, I love you because you are mine. You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter!" For *this* reason: "you are with me always, and all I have is yours!"

Friends, God speaks a powerful invitation to us in this season of Lent. *Come back to me with all your heart!* (Joel 2:12, Hos. 11:1-9). And at times it takes great courage from the human heart to do so. May this be the Lent when we, whether we find ourselves echoed in the younger or older son... see our Heavenly Father, who runs to us – to heal every burden, and wipe every tear away.

With every prayer,
Fr Trenton

Confession/First Rite of Reconciliation, leading up to the Easter Triduum **Tuesday 5th April 6:00pm-7:30pm** in Saint Christopher's Cathedral. These times are in addition to regular confession times. Please note there will be no confession Thurs 14th April during Holy Week.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon. Mar 28 4th Week of Lent
Tues. Mar 29. 4th Week of Lent
Wed. Mar 30 4th Week of Lent
Thu. Mar 31 4th Week of Lent
Fri. Apr 1 4th Week of Lent
Sat. Apr 2 4th Week of Lent

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.

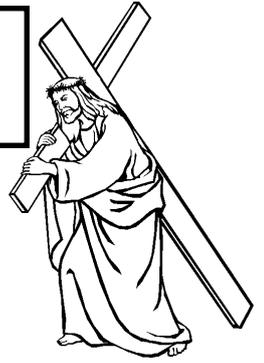
Filipino Community
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

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

LENT — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00pm, EACH FRIDAY OF 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.

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART – Join us in Prayer and Adoration, as Pope Francis consecrates Russia and Ukraine.

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH, 3am-4am, Saint Christopher's Cathedral Canberra (5PM, Friday 25th, Rome time) (Enter via Chapel entrance)

On Friday, March 25th, Archbishop Christopher, in solidarity with the Pope and all Bishops of the world, will offer Consecratory Prayers at the 12:15pm Mass

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL

First Rite of Reconciliation Offered, 6:00pm-7:00pm Tuesday 5 April

Palm Sunday — Sunday 10 April

Chrism Mass — Monday 11 April, 5:00pm

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper — Thursday 14 April, 7:30pm

Good Friday, The Lord's Passion — Friday 15 April, 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil — Saturday 16 April, 8pm

Easter Sunday — Sunday 17 April, 8am, 11am & 5pm

ST PETER CHANEL'S

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross — 10am

Easter Sunday Mass — Sunday 17 April, 9:30am

CHRISM MASS— Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on **Monday 11 April at 5:00pm** in St Christopher's Cathedral. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rite of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' Lenten message for this year, see the main page on our website <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html>

2022 SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Confirmation classes start **Tues, 3 May, 6pm-7.30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. For Year 5 & 6 students or older. 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.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP: FIRESIDE CHATS held February through November on the first Friday of the month in the Catholic Bookshop. The next Fireside Chat will be on 1 April 1:30pm, Julie Giacomini will share her story of **Faith, Family and Writing a Book**. May 6, Dr. Ingrid Kensey will address **The Sacredness of Life – The Case Against Euthanasia**. Please register to join by going to www.firesidechats.org.au



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**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 — runs throughout the Lenten season to April 17. **Please take home a Project Compassion box &/or a set of donation envelopes** & support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Help support people living with disabilities in India, gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. Call 1800 024 413 to donate with a credit card or direct deposit, also on Qkr! or visit: lent.caritas.org.au/

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – Cursillo is Spanish for a " little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. A Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. 12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. For more information contact Dianne Franks dmfranks@bigpond.com, 0418619740

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



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

HOLY TRINITY SHOW N SHINE– 3 April (10-3pm) *Holy Trinity Church*, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin. Organised by the 'Canberra Street Machine Association', the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Free entry with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.

COMPASSION FOR REFUGEES – A PALM SUNDAY RALLY– April 10th. Various groups will come together with the wider community seeking more humane and compassionate policies towards refugees and those seeking asylum in Australia. 1pm Garema Place in Civic.

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY: People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for Campbell Parish. This is a part-time permanent position (10 hours per week). Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching and experience in an office environment. Salary Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please phone Fr Emil 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement to be received by 19 April.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Frankie-Louise Mossop, Rowan Gibson, Caius Catchillar, Xavier Borg Caruana

Those to be married: Maria Mammoliti & Matthew Victor, Pauline Cruz & Matthew Faulds

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

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, Augusta Savoca

Recently Deceased: Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbetter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell (Father of Fr Luke Verrell), Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutton, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas, Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu



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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: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

First Reading

Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	26/27 Mar	2/3 Apr	
5.00pm (SCC)	Leszek Buszynski Stewart Unwin	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Children's Liturgy	Jaye Corcoran Wanda Kaucz	
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Liz Porra	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	
5.00pm (SCC)	Kristina Faigl Francilia Gomes	Liz Porra Rebekah O'Meagher	

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