

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

4th Sunday of
Advent. Year A
18th December 2022

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
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PARISH OFFICE

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Online Payments Link: www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp

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
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

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

Monday 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 POWER OF A NAME

In our readings, we can see a theme: names and what people are called. In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah is trying to convince the wicked King Ahaz not to lose faith in the sight of a foreign invasion into Judah. Ahaz is a wicked king who offered his own sons in sacrifice to pagan gods (2 Chronicles 28:3) and has not kept true to the example of David. Ahaz refuses to ask God for a sign, and God prescribes one instead. A maiden will conceive and her son will be called Emmanuel, a name which means God with us. In something of an ironic twist, this son will also be offered as a sacrifice for the salvation of the people of Israel.

In our Gospel, we see this prophecy fulfilled; Jesus is born of the Virgin Mary, and called most appropriately God with us. Saint Joseph then gives Our Lord the name Jesus. I am quick to recognize this might seem as though Joseph has missed the memo, Emmanuel is not necessarily a personal name, it is what people will call Jesus, and the meaning of the name Emmanuel is fulfilled in the incarnation in the person of Jesus who is truly God with us.

What then does the name Jesus mean? It is not a family name for either Mary or Joseph. It is another name chosen for its meaning. The name Jesus means 'Yahweh is salvation.' A very fitting name for the newborn messiah.

Jesus is the same name as Joshua. Joshua was the man who succeeded and fulfilled the instructions of Moses and led Israel out of her wandering and into the Promised Land. Once again, we see what was prefigured in the Old Testament fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

The name of Jesus not only describes his role, but it introduces himself. There is nothing more personal to someone than his or her name. Now that we know the name of God we can call upon him, we can know him personally. This was not always the case, the name of Jesus was held so sacred that it was protected in secrecy; the Jewish people to this day still do not use the name of God. How blessed are we that God has shared his name with us. Knowing the name of Jesus is a privilege we do not deserve. God is under no obligation to do so, he has no need of introducing himself to us, and he isn't accountable to us. God is so gracious he allows us to call him upon him; God is so good he wants us to know him.

By sharing his name with us, God is sharing himself.

Let us take him up on his invitation.

Fr. Alex

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Dec 19 4th Week of Advent
Tues. Dec 20 4th Week of Advent
Wed. Dec 21 4th Week of Advent
Thurs. Dec 22 4th Week of Advent
Fri. Dec 23 4th Week of Advent
Sat. Dec 24 4th Week of Advent
Sun. Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Cathedral

5pm Vigil
8pm
Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.15pm)
8am Mass
11am Mass
5pm

St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla

6pm Vigil
9.30am Mas



CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION— Additional Confession times will be offered on **20 & 21 December** from 5-6pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Regular Confession times will follow as normal.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2022 - Supporting the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Ukraine, Syria, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and assisting Congolese refugees in Kenya. An article on this year's Appeal also features in the December edition of the *CatholicVoice*, with a Coupon for donations to be sent to:

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal
Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell
GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR – please note, the Parish Office will be closed from December 24 to January 6. Normal office hours will resume Monday 9 of January, 2023.

RECEIVING THE HOST – A gentle reminder to consume the Host immediately upon reception. Jesus doesn't want to go for a walk with you, He wants to *Live* within you! If you notice another not consuming our Lord, please remind them.

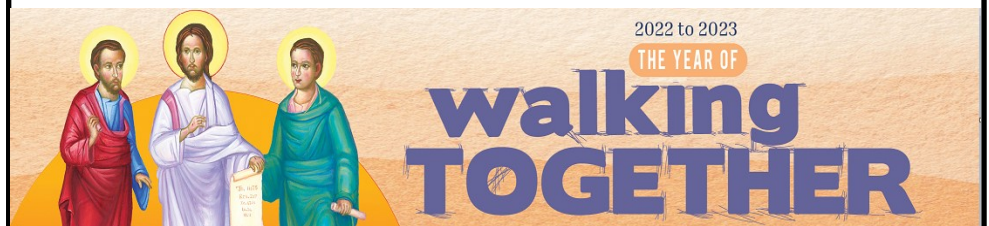


WELCOME TO MARK HA - In the lead up to Christmas we welcome Mark Ha, Seminarian for our Archdiocese. Mark is in his 6th year of formation and will be on his last parish placement with us, in the lead up to Christmas. Welcome Mark, know of our prayers and gratitude for your yes!

SEEKING PARISHIONERS for our PARISH WELCOMING GROUP - Several parishioners are currently assisting with the welcoming, however, we would like to extend the invitation to all. You will be required 20 mins before Mass starts to hand out Bulletins and greet those joining us. Please email the office if you would like be a part of this 2023 ministry, or for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOK STALL— Located in St Peter Chanel's Church, the book stall holds selected items from SVdP and the Catholic Bookshop. The stall will operate after the Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 9:30am Masses.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE— Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral. No Rosary will be held in January 2023.



NOTICES

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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (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 cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

SUNDAY MASS – With the easing of COVID, Archbishop Christopher has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation for those able to attend Mass. A copy of his statement is available on our website. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/60th-anniversary-of-the-goulburn-schools-strike/>

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Want to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel every day? Sign up for FREE AT cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

KARINYA HOUSE – supporting women and babies in crises pregnancies. Please consider financially supporting by becoming a 'Friend of Karinya' today. www.karinyahouse.asn.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA— Are offering cross-cultural training program in January 2023 as an opportunity to help build communities either at home in Australia (**January 7-11**) or overseas (**January 12-15**). Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS— Invites you to the 16th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil **Sat 31 Dec, 8pm** at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. With Exposition from 8pm until Benediction before Midnight. For further inquiries, contact Judy & Joe Mewburn: 6254 6202



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be married: Alexander Heagney & Jiajia He

Those who are ill: Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlon, Clara Yee, Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Sophy, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

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, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner Bruest Family, Sweeten Family, Mahony Family

Recently Deceased: Frits Tedjakuntara, Joseph Williams, Philomena D'Cruze, Sharon Woods (Mons. John Woods sister), Paul Kildea Snr, Hugo Caggiano, Br Anthony Atkinson FMS, Berty Jacob, Adriane Brown, Sally Barber, Medardo Balmaceda, Lauren West, Nicolina Caggiano, Bill Higgins, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Donatella Magro, Vittorio D'Ambrosio, Kieran O'Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adriane Brown



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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: Let the Lord enter; he is King of glory

Gospel Acclamation: A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

First Reading

Is 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".

Second Reading

Rom 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Mass	17/18 Dec	17/18 Dec	
5.00pm (SCC)	Les Buszynski Crystal Lavien		
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Wanda Kaucz		
8.00am (SCC)	Dione Smith Marcus Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey	
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Becky Langworthy		

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