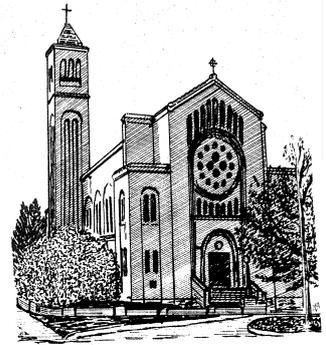


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

4th Sunday of Easter  
Year C -  
8 May 2022

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

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers; those with us, those who have died, and mothers to be. The Christian truth that *God never loves from a distance*, finds its echo in motherhood. Here we see a living image of the God who promises and gives life; who weaves his very presence into the fabric of human existence.

Today, we give thanks for the sacrifice and love we have known from our mothers; and too our wives, sisters, friends, religious and all women who echo the tenderness, wisdom, presence, and beauty of the God who becomes flesh and walks this journey with us.

'What is the greatest revelation from God you have ever witnessed?' a gentleman asked me before my ordination. The miracle of the Incarnation? The gift of the Eucharist? I paused, the word 'revelation' circling my mind... I could only utter... 'motherhood'.

As a boy and young man I recall thinking, if a woman, a mother, a wife, a friend, a sister can love that much, be that comforting, that beautiful, that wise, how much more must God be all of these? and more! Indeed, the witness of genuine femininity in so many women, is what confirmed my own call. Motherhood and true femininity – God has made the school of love for the human heart.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that today we celebrate *Good Shepherd Sunday*, when we pray for an increase of young men to answer the call of the Good Shepherd to serve as priests. For it is from the tenderness of women that so many first experience this alluring love and touch, and so the great call to serve and love in Christ's priesthood.

On mother's day we recall the mystery of a God who *chose* to place Himself, tiny and helplessly dependent, into the protective womb and loving arms of a human mother. From Mary, God takes flesh. Is there any greater vocation? Is there any other path which is so intimate a witness and participation in God's creative, nurturing love?

Where would I be, where would any of us be, without the gift of motherhood; without the incredibly powerful and alluring witness of genuine femininity?

How sad to see a culture blind itself to the greatest of all vocations, when it attempts to discourage and belittle, and even redefine what a motherhood is and so what it is 'worth'. How shameful. Modern societal trends seem obsessed with removing the feminine and so disregarding and condemning as weakness and archaic all that motherhood is. Surely *this* is the greatest of all thefts we face!

We pray that all people will honour the dignity and vocation of motherhood, recognising it as the foundation it is - the *first* vocation and the greatest gift of God's love the world could ever know.

We pray for all mothers, including those with lives marred by struggle, disappointment, and violence. May they be relieved of these burdens, know their dignity, and the closeness of their God. For mothers who have lost children, may you find consolation in God's promise of life, the support of those around you, and the promise of being united with your child once again. We pray too for mothers to be and of course for all those who experience the agonising pain of infertility and difficulty conceiving.

May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother. Mary was chosen above all women; her faith and obedience to God's free invitation and grace, granted the way to the Incarnation and our life with God. Mary's example teaches us faith, humility and how to truly respond to love, by responding to the call of Love Himself. It's fitting that we begin May with today's celebration, the vocation beyond compare. For a mother is a co-creator in a particular way - bringing life into the world with God.

To all mothers, indeed *all* women: know and protect the gift of revelation you truly are.

We thank you, and today above all, we thank God for your vocation, the most beautiful and alluring of them all. The vocation from which all others flow!



Father Trenton van Reesch

# PARISH NEWS

## 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*

Email: [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 9	Monday of the 4th week of Easter
Tues May 10	Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter
Wed May 11	Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter
Thu. May 12	Thursday of the 4th week of Easter
Fri. May 13	Friday of the 4th week of Easter
Sat. May 14	Saturday of the 4th week of Easter St Matthias
Sun. May 15	5th Sunday of Easter

### 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

This Collection supports the Formation of our Seminarians. We have three men studying for the priesthood for our Archdiocese, and many others considering the Good Shepherd's call. The 2022 *Good Shepherd Appeal* is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift **by envelopes**, giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep) or by **calling: (02) 6239 9801**. For more information email: [giving@cg.org.au](mailto:giving@cg.org.au).

*May Jesus, our High Priest, raise up a whole generation of new priests in our Archdiocese!*

**There will be a retiring collection after Mass**

**CLERGY ASSEMBLY 2022 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> –19<sup>th</sup> May.** Please note there will be *NO MASSES* held at Saint Peter Chanel's from Tuesday 17 May –Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>. The Cathedral Mass & liturgy schedule will remain as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND-** We are in the process of renewing our ministry to the housebound. If you know anyone within the parish who is no longer able to attend Mass and would like to receive communion at home, or if you are considering volunteering as a home communion visitor, please contact the parish office [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au). Training will be provided, and arrangements for visits can be flexible.

### A Prayer for Mothers

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care to us, your Church. Bless all women, as we celebrate this day, the gift of motherhood, a gift from you. Through them, you reveal how close you are to us. May they be strengthened as your daughters, and know how they are loved. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers of faith and hope. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.*

**FR ALEX'S BOOK CLUB-** Fr. Alex is very keen to start a catholic book club, exploring the richness of our literary tradition. If you want to learn more about your faith and read classics such as St. Augustine's Confessions, St. Catherine of Siena's Dialogue, St. Therese of Lisieux's story of a soul and more, please email Fr. Alex at [alex.osborne@cg.org.au](mailto:alex.osborne@cg.org.au) with your name, a preferred time to meet, your favourite genre of book, and a suggested meeting place. All ages are welcome, invite your friends.

**COLLECTORS NEEDED AT SCC MASSES** — Please place your name and number on a piece of paper and place in the collection basket(s), or contact the parish office.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL WORKING PARTY** – message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Please see the Catholic Voice website: [catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council/](http://catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council/) Any enquiries can be directed to [workingparty@cg.org.au](mailto:workingparty@cg.org.au)

**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](http://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.

# 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/](http://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/) **Thank you for your generosity**

**CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP: FIRESIDE CHATS** held on the first Friday of the month. Next Fireside Chat June 3, 1:30-2:30pm with former Marist Brother Brian Mahony speaking to Richard Rohr. Please register to join by going to [www.firesidechats.org.au](http://www.firesidechats.org.au)



**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](http://caretaxi.com.au), or +61 451 734 334

**PLENARY COUNCIL – PEOPLE OF GOD INVITED TO SURROUND COUNCIL IN PRAYER –** Prayer pilgrimage, as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Starts Easter Sunday, April 17, to the opening of the second assembly on Sunday, July 3: visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

**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](http://bit.ly/FirstAssembly)

**2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS ARCHDIOCESAN SYNTHESIS REPORT -** Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

**WALKING IN THE SPIRIT -** The People of God in Australia are invited to make the prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage. The campaign began Easter Sunday, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources can be found at: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

Media release: [mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholicsinvited-to-surround-plenary-council-inprayer/](http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholicsinvited-to-surround-plenary-council-inprayer/)



**ST BEDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RED HILL: Enrolling Now. Open Day 6 May 2022, Tours available. Register your attendance P: 02 6295 6559 E: [office.stbedes@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stbedes@cg.catholic.edu.au)**

**ST CLARE'S COLLEGE: School Tours: 10 May; 12 May; 16 May; 18 May; 10 Aug; 20 Sept; 20 Oct. Bookings are essential. Year 11, 2022 Information Evening: Wednesday 2 June Register your attendance today on the College website P: 02 6260 9400 E: [enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au) [www.stcc.act.edu.au](http://www.stcc.act.edu.au)**



**St Clare's College**  
Seek Wisdom

## We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Elena Spiteri & Kaya Mwangi

**Those to be married:** Ben Ransom & Anna Kirk, Ben Santosuosso & Feranda Robinson

**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, Terry Higgins

**Anniversaries of death:** 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,

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Prosser, Bill Hibberson, Amelia Mary-Ann Favretto, Peter Cox, Brone Tumsevics, Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruška 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



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**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

**Responsorial:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for flock

**First Reading**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading**

**Rv 7:9,14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel**

**Jn 10:27-30**

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

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Lectors			
Mass	7/8 May	14/15 May	21/22 May
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Becky Langworthy Scott Pobihun	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Ruth Meadows	Roseanne McGrath Mike Nash
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Jaye Corcoran Lynn Chan	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Cecilia Flores	Les Buszynski Ceciley Matthews	Bronwen Grey Jacqueline Hipwell
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebecca O'Meagher Liz Porra	Kristina Faigl Jacob Madden	Liz Porra Sarah Miron

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