



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



4th Sunday of Lent -  
Year A  
19th March 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday



YEAR OF WALKING  
TOGETHER

8th August 2022-  
8th August 2023

## 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 MYSTERY OF THE MOON

Our readings focus upon the light and joy of Christ; this is why this Sunday is called Laudate Sunday. Christ calls himself the light of the world and warns us that the night is coming. St Paul tells us to wake up from our sleep and let Christ shine on us.

This brings to my mind the ancient image of the Church as the moon. It is nighttime and we are waiting for the return of the light, but even though we are in darkness, we still have enough light to dimly see.

For us this night has lasted almost two thousand years, yet we do not lose hope that the sun will rise or forget what we have seen in the light. For although the sun has passed, the moon still reflects its light.

The Church and the faithful Christian are like the moon, they shed no light themselves, but they reflect the light of the unseen sun.

We remind others of the light of Christ, and we share the light we have received from him. Let us pray that we will be a full and waxing moon, and let us pray that our dawn is soon and bright.



Fr. Alex



To mark St Christopher's 50th Anniversary and the Archdiocese's 75 years—St Christopher's has been gifted a stunning & distinctly Canberran painting by local artist Daniel de Valentin. The painting will be placed in the Cathedral.

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office

### School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

#### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Mar 20 4th Week of Lent  
Tues. Mar 21 4th Week of Lent  
Wed. Mar 22 4th Week of Lent  
Thurs. Mar 23 4th Week of Lent  
Fri. Mar 24 4th Week of Lent  
Sat. Mar 25 4th Week of Lent  
Annunciation of the Lord  
Sun. Mar 26 5th SUNDAY 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 in 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. In Lent, we omit the "Alleluia" at Mass.

**CHRISM MASS** – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

**MULTICULTURAL MASS—16 April 2023** You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

**ANNIVERSARY DINNER** – thank you to all who joined us for Mass and Dinner to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on Friday. Soon the Image of Saint Christopher's will adorn the rear exit of the Cathedral. We give thanks for the last 50 Years, and look forward with joy to the next 50. St Christopher. *Pray for us, as we continue Walking Together, along the pilgrim way.*

Holy Week 2023

#### ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL

**First Rite of Reconciliation— 6:00pm-7:30pm Thursday 30 March**

**Palm Sunday — Sunday 2 April**

**Chrism Mass — Monday 3 April, 5:00pm**

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper — Thursday 6 April, 7:30pm**

**Good Friday, The Lord's Passion — Friday 7 April, 3pm**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil — Saturday 8 April, 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday — Sunday 9 April, 8am, 11am & 5pm**

#### ST PETER CHANEL'S

**Mass of The Lord's Supper— 7pm**

**Good Friday, Stations of the Cross — 10am**

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

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION—** Confirmation classes start **Thurs 27 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info. Confirmation will take place on Sat 27 May 2023 at 5pm. 1st Reconciliation starts 1 June for 28 June and First Eucharist starts 27 July for 20 August.

**First Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation—**Join us Friday night, the 24th of March, for the age old tradition of the Church, in vespers, honouring the feast of the Annunciation. 5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm-6pm Confessions, 6pm Vespers, 6:30pm benediction and finish.



# 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/](http://cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/)

**Thank you for your generosity**

**PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2023** – Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or at 1800 024 413. “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” – St Pope John Paul II Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations.

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

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

**'TRIUMPH'** - Diocese of Wollongong 2023 Lenten program. Available from the *Catholic Bookshop*.

**HOW'N SHINE 2023** - Holy Trinity Curtin, carpark on Sunday, 26 March, following morning Mass at 8.30am. Proceeds raised in conjunction with ACT Street Machine Association to assist Camp Quality.

**SEEKING HISTORIC PHOTOS**—Please send copies of your historic photos (with description) of Saint Christopher's, to [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au). These will form part of a display for our anniversary year.

**PALM SUNDAY RALLY 2023**— Vinnies supports refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. So, we welcome the Government's announcement of a pathway to permanent residence for 19,000 of these people. Yet, still thousands are unable to seek permanent protection in a fair and timely way. Vinnies invites you to join the Palm Sunday Rally, Garema Place, 1.00pm on 2 April. There we'll call for “Permanent Protection for All”, so that these remaining people can re-build their lives free of fear and uncertainty. - Tim McKenna, *Vinnies Refugee Support*, Canberra-Goulburn



## *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 baptised:** Mateo Barcelona, Eleanor Estrera

**Those to be married:** Amy Bailey and Andrew Kennedy

**Those who are ill:** Liz Porra, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

**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, Shirley Evans, Anthony Donohoe, Nuala Kelly, Maura Kelly, Bri Humphreys, Alberto Alfredo Bonansea, Claudia De Salazar, Zoa Molina, Jose Rafael Naar Salazar, Javier Family

**Recently Deceased:** Santina Zavone, Amelia Ciampa, Leon Gerathy, Bishop David O'Connell, Hayden Marsh, Clara Yee, Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine, Remziye Yucel, Shelley Cameron, Tom McClelland, Father Neville Drinkwater OAM, Giuseppe Paragalli, Sheila Langtry, Clare Broe (nee Scully), Jim Molan,

# 4th Sunday of Lent –Year A — 18/19 March



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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:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God

## First Reading

**1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## Second Reading

**Eph 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

## Gospel

**(Longer version Jn 9:1-41) Jn 9:1. 6-9 13-17. 34-38**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

## READERS ROSTER MARCH

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	18/19 March	25/26 March	18/19 March	25/26 March	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Stewart Unwin	Stewart Unwin Jacob Madden			
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Melissa Dixon	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz			
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Les Buszynski	Marcus Smith Becky Langworthy			
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Damian Balachandran	Marcelle Disanayake Raphael Molu			
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Jacqui Ramesh	Bronwen Grey Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey		Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Anthony Brierley	Annabelle Devitt Francilia Gomes			

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