



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



5th Sunday of Easter
Year A
7th May 2023

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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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 PRIMACY OF PRAYER

There is something which seems very unusual in our first reading. A serious complaint is brought to the apostles, the neglect of widows. This, is a sin, which the Old Testament tells us 'cries out to heaven for justice'. The situation is even direr because the neglect appears to be deliberate and either racially or religiously motivated. These widows aren't being fed because they are foreigners. Who ever is responsible for such a thing is showing a profound ignorance of Christ. These widows have become members of the Church and so are members of the body of Christ. Whoever is responsible for this action doesn't know what it means to be a Christian. This is an issue deeper than a couple of widows going hungry, it shows that there is ignorance and division within the Church.

How does Peter react to such a serious situation? We might expect him to have harsh words with those responsible and to remind the whole community about their new unity in Christ. Instead, St. Peter declares that "It would not be right for us to neglect the Word of God so as to give out food..." and Peter continues to institute the diaconate.

Is Peter shirking his responsibility? Is he afraid of speaking out? Of course not. Peter has recognised the true cause of the issue - a worldly mind.

The neglect and division occurred because someone was thinking in the way of the world and not in the way of God. Peter must devote himself to prayer so that this doesn't happen to himself and the apostles. Peter cannot overcome the world by immersing himself in it, he overcomes it by escaping it.

To some this might sound like a cop out, but what if those who shared out the food had prayed? What if those who spread division today, ask God what his will is? What if the thieves and liars and worse of the world, came before God to ask him His thoughts?

Prayer must come first in our lives, otherwise selfishness or worldliness will.

Fr. Alex



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA
Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Miss Chiara Catanzariti
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 8	Monday of the 5th week of Easter
Tues May 9	Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Wed May 10	Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter
Thu. May 11	Thursday of the 5th week of Easter
Fri. May 12	Friday of the 5th week of Easter
Sat. May 13	Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Sun. May 14	6th Sunday of Easter

PARISH GROUPS

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.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – The 2023 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity to spiritually and financially support the Formation of our Seminarians. You can make a gift through **envelopes** or donations can be made on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2023 or call 6239 9801.

May Christ, our High Priest, raise up a new generation of priests in our Archdiocese!

Project Compassion Boxes: Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes to the Cathedral office or the Sacristy. Thankyou for your Generosity!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO Weekday Masses** held at St Peter Chanel's from Tuesday 2nd May—11th May. Thank you for your understanding.

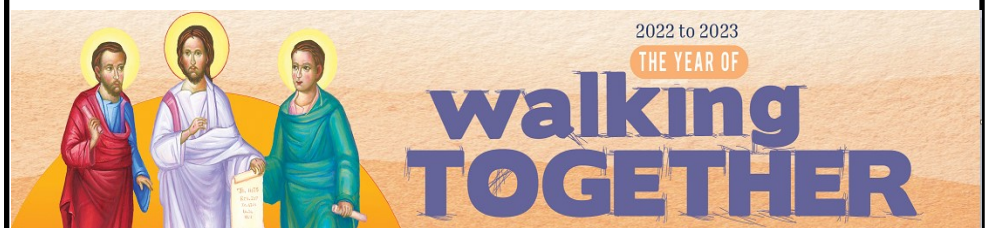
CLERGY ASSEMBLY 2023 – Monday 15th –19th May. Please note there will be **NO MASSES** held at Saint Peter Chanel's from Tuesday 16th May –Thurs 18th. The Cathedral Mass & liturgy schedule will remain as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

CALL FOR READERS— You are invited to volunteer at St Christopher's Cathedral and St Peter Chanel masses. Sat **5pm** (SCC), **6pm** (SPC), Sun **8am & 5pm** (SCC) and **9:30am** (SPC). Training will be provided. Please email our Readers Roster Coordinators at scc.spc.readers@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY— Friday dinner **30 June to 4pm Saturday 1 July.** In the peaceful rural setting of St Clement's retreat centre Galong, this is a time of talks by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other speakers to help a person discern a call to priesthood/religious life. Rsvp required by 23 June to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472. Cost \$50 (concessions available).

Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day—All women are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia at St John Vianney Primary School, Waramanga, for a retreat day on 24 June. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour and will help you grow in love for, and devotion to, the gift of the Holy Eucharist. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Tickets are available <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>

CATECHESIS WITH FR ALEX— on the Sacraments and the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith—Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or would you like to learn how to answer questions about our faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you have missed learning some of the basics? Come and join our monthly adult catechesis. Our third session is: **Confirmation. Monday 8 May in the Haydon Hall 6:30pm-7:30pm**



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 cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) 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, or 0451 734 334.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST— Have breakfast with like minded men and Catholic Author, Speaker and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. **Tuesday 23 May, 7am-8:45am**, Haydon Hall **Cost:** \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110

Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner—**Tuesday 23 May 6:45 pm** Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. **All welcome –single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.** **Venue:** Veritas Building, ACU Watson,. **Enquiries:** Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869 **Registration:** <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023: WONDER— Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith and worship. Join over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. Brisbane; 21-24 September 2023, Sydney; 28 Sept-1 Oct 2023 .To register and for more information: <https://igniteconference.com.au>

SPIRITUALITY MORNINGS—“ *The Sacred Journey of Spiritual Transformation* ”5 Part Series commencing on **MONDAY 5th JUNE 10am to 12 noon** at the Sisters of Mercy Community Centre, Townsend St. Phillip. Please contact Sr. Lorraine to Register or for further information. Email: lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com



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: Melissa Scott-Echevarria, Rosangela Van Wyngaarden Echevarria

Those who are ill: Alla Skorokhodova, 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: Mary June Slocum, Alyssa Henley, Judy Cummins, 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, Stephen Brooks

Recently Deceased: Fr Bob Maguire, Cyrus Kaucz, John Boyd-Boland OFM, Laurence Mooney OSA, Brian Johnston CSsR, Patricia Steele, Carmen Chavez, Fr Michael Brillantes, Medardo Balmaceda, Agnes Shea, James Goldrick, Karen Lang, Eric Barros, Santina Zavone, Amelia Ciampa, Leon Gerathy, Bishop David O'Connell, Haydn Marsh

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Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

READERS ROSTER APRIL

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	6/7 May	13/14 May	6/7 May	13/14 May
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Crystal Lavien Lynette Yap		
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Becky Langworthy Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Damien Balachandran	Raphael Molu Maria Noronha		
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Bronwen Grey	Les Buszynski Jacqui Ramesh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebecca O'Meagher Anthony Brierley	Francilia Gomes Solange Pereira		

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