



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

5th Sunday of Easter
Year B -
2 May 2021

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



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Masses at St Christopher's will be offered with a maximum of 260 people present until further notice.

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—on leave, Acting Secretary: Ellen Thomas, hours vary
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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),
5.30pm

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: 9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am
Adoration): Anointing Mass first
Thursday of the 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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Dear parishioners and visitors,

A blessed 5th Sunday of Easter! Back in 2013, Pope Francis gathered with catechists from around the world, where he spoke to them of the Gospel we hear today. On this occasion the Pope gently encouraged their missionary call, and indeed the call we are all invited to - inspiring and urging those present, by reminding them that the Christian life is one which is always founded in "starting anew". Such an image is heartening and reassuring. In this Easter season we call to mind Peter, who certainly knew and exemplified such an identity. The Pope smiled and encouraged them, and with his words, now us:

"To start anew from Christ means being close to him, being close to Jesus. Jesus stresses the importance of this with the disciples at the Last Supper, as he prepared to give us his own greatest gift of love... Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches and says: Abide in my love, remain attached to me, as the branch is attached to the vine. If we are joined to him, then we are able to bear fruit. The first thing for a disciple is to be *with* the Master, to *listen* to him and to *learn* from him. This is always true... at every moment of our lives." Of all that Jesus asks of his Church, one thing is certain, and that is, it is expected to bear fruit! In all its joys and indeed most especially its woundedness, the church must be a people who bear fruit, salt and light to the society and world in which its finds itself; and this is only possible with and in Christ.

In another moment, the Pope returns to this same image: "the Lord tells us: [that] the Christian life is to "remain in me". *Remain*. Like the branches remain on a vine (Jn 15:1-8). And this remaining is not a passive remaining, a falling asleep in the Lord. ... This remaining is an active remaining, and it is also a mutual remaining. Why? Because He says: You remain in me and I in you". He also remains in us, it is not only we in Him.... Even with this example of the vine: it is true, the branches without the vine cannot do anything because the sap would not get to them. They need the sap to grow and bear fruit; yet even the tree, the vine needs the branches because the fruit is not attached to the tree, [but] to the vine! There is a mutual need, a mutual remaining in order to bear fruit."

Friends, what a powerful and beautifully dignifying image Jesus gives us once again this Sunday. We are the branches - his branches - who cling and gain life only through the Living Vine. How often do we try to 'fix' or achieve through our own means and efforts, only to find how futile they are in the end?

Pope Francis exhorts: "...what does the vine "need" from the branches? It is to have fruit. What is the "need"... what does Jesus "need" from us? *Witness*." It is witnessing that Jesus needs from us. Not witness to ourselves, but him. To bear genuine witness to His Name.

May we be branches that bear the fruit which our Lord desires to reveal to not only you and I, but our families, our community, our city, country, and our world.

Let us never become 'detached' vines, which never bear lasting fruit; but knowing how to *mutually* remain in the depth of Jesus' heart, we in him and he in us - let us bear Jesus' fruit as his living body. Let our remaining be internal and thus bear external fruit. For in the Pope's own words, we must always marvel: "that we the branches need the sap, and the vine needs the fruit of our witness." What a dignity and role Christ has given us!

Have a blessed week.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical

Calendar

Mon 3 May	Sts Philip and James
Tue 4 May	Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Wed 5 May	Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter
Thu 6 May	Thursday of the 5th week of Easter
Fri 7 May	Friday of the 5th week of Easter
Sat 8 May	Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Sun 9 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall*

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

*(primary school age)
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC*

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

*Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

National Count of Attendance—1 May: conducted throughout Australia over the first four weekends in May. It will be a simple headcount (including babies) with no other information about attendees being collected.

"Mother's Day with Our Lady at the Cathedral" - The Church designates the month of May for the Blessed Virgin Mary, join us on Sun 9 May, 3-5pm at St Christopher's (Manuka) for adoration, confession, rosary recitation, hymns of praise and benediction. Please contact 0431 060 556 if you want to volunteer/ assist on the day.

Invest Your Marriage! - Couples of every age are invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your marriage. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7.15-9.30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Watch together, no group sharing, topics discussed only with your spouse. Cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au or register <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING. Register for the Southern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting with Archbishop Christopher at 1.30pm Friday 14 May 2021. (*Not 1.00pm as advertised in the Archbishop's correspondence. Do not include in the ad.*) Register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/plenary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at plenary.council@catholic.org.au

"AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY" YEAR - March 19th marks five years of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family*. This is an incredibly *beautiful* and practical document. Our society is only as strong and healthy as our families. Pope Francis has launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, which will conclude on June 26, 2022, with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome. **Friends, this year we want to focus back on Families, the heart of who we are and where we belong.** Let us pray for families, and keep an eye out for parish events where you can get involved.

DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP: To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan QR code at the church entrance each time you enter.

Musicians at SPC—Saint Peter Chanel's is seeking musicians to help enrich the liturgy through their musical gifts. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the parish office.

Cathedral Secretary—on annual leave from 19 April to 24 May. Ellen will fill in during this time. Office hours may vary.

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. Please keep the children preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

First Reconciliation classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. Please consider direct debit and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:
www.cg.org.au/cathedral or
contact Parish office 6239 9846.

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** AND sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please **DO NOT** return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances.

CANBERRA CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP

Come and explore our extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies

- You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm.

Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims—Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of the devastating floods in Timor Leste. Support is urgently needed. Donations can be sent to Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale VIC 3032 or www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au. PH: 03 9377 6060.

Positions vacant— **Housekeeper** for the Clergy Retirement Foundation at the Garran facility.

Contact: chris.koelmeyer@cg.org.au.

Full time Counsellor for 'The Farm in Galong'.

Contact Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428 for more information.

Women's prayer/sharing Groups - Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends online or face to face? Contact us : calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com "Call to connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free starter kits. More information : <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/women-prayer-groups/>

Volunteer Urgently Needed for Kalumburu Mission - Diocese of Broome WA. We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, For further information: Diocese of Broome Chancery T: 08 9192 1060 or by email secretary@broomedioocese.org

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL 2021 - For those who would still like to contribute to the Good Shepherd Appeal in support of our seminarians and future seminarians, **you can do so by visiting cgatholic.org/goodshep**. Please continue to pray, for young men discerning the Lord's call to serve as his priest.

COVID-19 VACCINATION News - Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic bishops support and reassure: please visit catholic.org.au/coronavirus for more information.

1979 Year 10 & 1981 St Clare's Year 12 Class Reunion— A celebration of friendships since graduation is planned for late 2021. If you are one of the 1979/1981 classes please contact us via classof1981reunion21@gmail.com or if you know someone from the classes please pass this message on.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Rocc Bono, Onize Sanni, Levi Da Pozzo, Thiago James.

Those who are ill: Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Claudia Higuera,

Anniversaries of death: Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Gallagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donovan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating.

Recently Deceased: Frank Boyle, Ledda Simeon, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Zoran Barac.

Readings of the Day – 5th Sunday of Easter —Year B



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 Psalm: *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. 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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Reading

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	1/2 May	8/9 May	
5.00pm (SCC)	Eleanor Noorli Scott Pobihan	Leeann Galloway Stewart Unwin	
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	Marcelle Disanayake Scott Pobihun	
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Mineke Peerboom Dione Smith	
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Jaye Longland	Wanda Kaucz Lynn Chan	
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Cecilia Flores	- Bronwen Grey	
5.30pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Rebecca O'Meagher Becky Langworthy	