



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

5th Sunday of Easter
Year C -
15 May 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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Synod
2021
2023

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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),
5.00pm *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

God can win the war, but only if the Russians let him

A month ago, over a billion Catholics prayed for peace in Ukraine.

This prayer appears to have gone unheard, the war is escalating, and all signs seem to indicate that it will not end soon. There will be much bloodshed and tragedy so we find ourselves asking, 'Has God ignored us?' How can God be good if he has ignored a billion prayers?

God has allowed this war to happen, and to continue, but I don't believe that Mr. Putin asked for his permission. I'm reminded of a situation from the bible, King David has to choose a punishment for Israel: either a drought of seven years; three months of warfare; or three days of disease (2 Samuel 24: 11-15). David declares that, 'the Lord is kind and merciful, it is better for the Lord to punish us than men.' It is better to be at the mercy of God, than the mercy of mankind. War is caused by men, not God.

Drought and Pandemic are natural disasters, they are caused by elements which God has control over, he has created the world and shaped life upon it. Jesus cured the sick and calmed the storm, but He never stopped the Roman occupation of Israel. War is a supernatural disaster, it is caused by the souls of men.

As such, it is much harder to remedy. Human souls are free, we have the free will to do good or to do evil. We have the freedom to live a good and peaceful life, on the other hand we have the freedom to do great and tremendous evil to one another. War is caused by human sinfulness. The desire for power that leads to lies and fear of our neighbours, the impulse to violence, the wilful ignoring of diplomacy, of truth, the refusal to arbitrate, the desire for vengeance. In short, the deadly sins of pride, envy and anger. This war has been caused by the stubbornness and vile ambition of Vladimir Putin. He is the one who is ignoring the prayers of peace loving peoples. It is he, not God, who caused this war, and he will face justice in this life or the next.

War is the result of sin, it is the result of our freedom to do evil. If God were to take our freedom of will, it wouldn't matter if the Russians win, because we would already be living under dictatorship. Without freedom, there is no love. The people of Ukraine treasure this freedom, they treasure their right to self-determination, their right to choose good over evil. This is the battle that every human soul faces, the war within ourselves between doing right and wrong.

This battle is fought in our conscience, and this is where God is. God isn't guiding missiles or loading guns, God is in the heart of every sinner. He fights from behind enemy lines. God can end this war, but only if the Russians let him. God is in the heart of these invaders and calling them to repent, calling them to be brave enough to desert or mutiny, brave enough to refuse to fight an unjust war. It is up to them whether or not they listen to him. We must pray for them, we must pray that they have the openness of heart to examine their consciences and the courage to follow them.

Is prayer futile? If war is caused by human sinfulness, should we continue to pray for peace, or is it useless. Praying is always going to be more useful than not praying. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us. Not solely because it will soften their hearts, but because it will perfect our love. If we want what God wants, and love what he loves, we will become more like Him. If our prayers don't convert violent hearts, then may they convert ours away from violence. If peace isn't to be found in Ukraine, then may it be found in us.

Fr Alex Osborne

PARISH



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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 16	Monday of the 5th week of Easter
Tues May 17	Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Wed May 18	Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter
Thu. May 19	Thursday of the 5th week of Easter
Fri. May 20	Friday of the 5th week of Easter
Sat. May 21	Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Sun. May 22	6th 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.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality
influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL 2022

The 2022 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity to spiritually and financially support the Formation of our Seminarians. You can make a gift by **envelopes**, giving at: cgcatholic.org.au/goodshep or calling (02) 6239 9801. For more information: giving@cg.org.au.
May Christ, our High Priest, raise up a new generation of priests in our Archdiocese!

CLERGY ASSEMBLY 2022 – Monday 16th –19th May. NO MASSES at Saint Peter Chanel's from Tuesday 17 May–Thurs 19. The Cathedral schedule remains as normal. Please keep your clergy in prayer in this time of professional development and gathering.

COVID SAFE MASS– Sunday 29 May 2pm at the Cathedral for those who have been unable to attend Mass on account Covid. Masks and distancing will be observed.

THANK YOU- We thank a generous parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the recently donated *Mass Times* board for the Cathedral. Thank you for your gift to our parish and indeed wider Canberra community.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND- know someone no able to attend Mass, who would like to receive Communion at home? Considering volunteering as a home Communion visitor, contact cathedral@cg.org.au Training provided, and arrangements for visits can be flexible.

FR ALEX'S BOOK CLUB- a catholic book club, exploring the richness of our literary tradition. If you want to learn more about your faith and read classic literature please email Fr. Alex, 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, or contact the parish office.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK –16 – 29 May. Mass at St Christopher's, 10.45am for 11 am on **Sunday 22 May.** As part of the celebrations, the Archdiocese has enrolled in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, an initiative of the Vatican's *Dicastery for Integral Human Development*, laudatosiactionplatform.org/ The enrolment is marked by a statement of how the 7 goals of *Laudato Si'* are reflected in the values of the Archdiocese, and how we can respond to the encyclical's message: *Cry of the Earth – Cry of the Poor.* Find our Archdiocesan reflection on our parish website. Interested in being involved? Contact LaudatoSi-ACT@gmail.com and www.care4creation.org



LAUDATO SI'
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

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/ **Thank you for your generosity**

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sight-seeing, school trip and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or +61 451 734 334

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - make the prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage. The campaign runs until the Second Assembly, opening on Sunday July 3. Resources can be found at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/ Media release: mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholicsinvited-to-surround-plenary-council-inprayer/

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



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

ACT RIGHT TO LIFE— Archbishop Christopher Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right To Life Association at the Southern Cross Club Woden, 1 June. All welcome. book online <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or contact Bev 0418718713

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE — Online unit; **Teaching Meditation & Prayer.** Saturday 18, 25 June; 8, 15 October. To enroll or further information: Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.edu.au



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**

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Matthew Gilbourd, Mila Williams

Those to be married: Damien Walker & Katherine Spitzkowsky, Franklin Wilson & Evelin Thomas

Those who are ill: Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter, Terry Higgins

Anniversaries of death: 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: Cinara Tonga, Mary Prosser, Bill Hibberson, Amelia Mary-Ann Favretto, Peter Cox, Brone Tumsevics, Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbetter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell (Father of Fr Luke Ver-



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: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’ Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I am making the whole of creation new.’

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: ‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.’



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			
Mass	14/15 May	21/22 May	28/29 May
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Kevin Woods	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	Les Buszynski Crystal Lavien
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon	Roseanne McGrath Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Fiona Wheeler
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Lynn Chan	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	St Bede's Children's Liturgy
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Ceciley Matthews	Bronwen Grey Jacqueline Hipwell	Scott Pobihun Jacqui Ramesh
5.00pm (SCC)	Kristina Faigl Jacob Madden	Liz Porra Sarah Miron	Kevin Woods Francilia Gomes

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