

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



5th Sunday of Easter

— Year B

28/29 April 2018

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator : Fr Warrick Tonkin
St Peter Chanel's Church: Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung),
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Saturday: 12.15pm

Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am

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: 12.45—1.15pm

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: Second and
fourth Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: Third Sun-
day, 10.30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:
By arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

55 Franklin Street, Forrest ACT 2603

(02) 6239 9846 (bh) 0491 076 598 (after hours emergency number)

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Monday to Friday, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm—Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor

Online Payments Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>

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.*

THE CREED – THE CHARTER OF OUR FAITH – PART IV

The Nicene Creed begins with the phrase, "I believe in one God." Our God is a unity-in-community (Trinity) enfolding all believers into Itself, so that we may dwell in, and live by, God's life, God's vitality.

Our speech about God is always based on analogy. Our language shuffles between what is known in our experience (finite reality) and what is unknown in the divine reality (infinite reality). Thus, our language will always come up short.

We call God Father, not in order to glorify parental power and authority. We name God Father because that is the relationship Jesus has with God. Throughout the Gospel he always refers to God as his Abba. For Christians we proclaim God as Father in order to accent the transcendent, utter freedom of God.

We also call God "the Father almighty". Therefore there is nothing outside of God's creative and providential hope. Some authors have stated that to use the term "Almighty" is to express a limitless hope.

God the Father is "maker of heaven and earth." God is uniquely the Creator, and God's creative will acts out of sheer originality. At the source of all, creation is the exuberance of infinite love: everyone and everything is primarily a gift. As sheer gift, the universe is made 'out of nothing.' God's creative love encompasses both heaven and earth, to bring the two together into one blessed creation.

"Of all things visible and invisible" – This insight is stated beautifully in the First Preface of Christmas – "In Him we see our God made visible, and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see."

Next week we will reflect on the longest part of the Creed, the section devoted to the Incarnation ('incarnus' – the enfleshment) of God's Son, Jesus the Christ, our Risen Lord and Saviour.

Fr Warrick Tonkin

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Fr Warrick Tonkin

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

Liturgy Rosters

Cecilia Flores & Scott Pobihun

RCIA

Fr Warrick Tonkin

School of Religion

Roby Joshua

Accounts

Karina Widjaja

St Vincent de Paul

*Assisting people in need and
combatting social injustice in our
community*

Young Adults

*Animating parish and Archdiocesan
life through prayer and event
participation*

*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible
Sharing/Fellowship SCC*

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

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

Christian Meditation

*Saturday at 5pm SPC
"Be still and know that I am
God" (Psalm 46:10)*

Other Communities

African Community

*Second Sunday of the month at
11.45am SPC*

Spanish Community

*First Sunday of the month at
11.30am SPC*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC
(April Mass cancelled. Next
Mass TBA)*

**For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.**

- **Next First Friday Adoration**, 4 May at 12.45 — 2pm at the Cathedral.
- **Vespers and Benediction** - Sunday 6 May at 6.30pm, at St Christopher's Cathedral. Please join the Cathedral Choir for this beautiful service of sung psalms and prayer.
- **St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Sacrament of Confirmation Program, 2018** resumes 8 May, 5.30pm-7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral for Reconciliation and rehearsal.
- **First Reconciliation** Program starts 22 May. <http://cg.org.au/cathedral> to enroll or contact the Parish office.
- **First Holy Communion** Program starts 31 July.

Project Compassion Boxes:

**Please remember to return your Project
Compassion Boxes. Thankyou.**

***Prayers for the Sick: The list of names of people who
are ill is possibly out of date. The old list has been
deleted. If you would like your name or a relative/
friends name on the list, please contact this office for
a name to be published. Please seek permission
from the ill person to have their names published.
Contact the Parish office by email:
cathedral@cg.org.au or call 6239 9846.***

St Edmund's College—Open Day 5th May—Explore the opportunities on offer, tour the College facilities, meet our staff & students and more. Experience Eddies Tuesday 1 May- For boys in Year 3 and Year 6. Spend the designed to mimic the classes and subjects on offer at Eddies.

St Clare's College—Try a Day at St Clare's—1 or 8 May; Open Evening—2 May; Year 11 Information Evening—10 May; School Tours 8 or 16 May. More info: www.stcc.act.edu.au.

OTHER NEWS

Evenings for the Engaged—28 Apr & 5 May. Marriage preparation program, held over two consecutive Saturdays. Bookings and enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

Mothers' Day Craft & Present Stall—3 May, Calvary Hospital Auxiliary, main foyer, 8am-4.00pm. All monies raised are used to purchase medical and other items that contribute to patient welfare and comforts.

Healing Mass for Mothers—4 May, 5.30pm, St Benedict Mission Centre, Narrabundah. SMS Fr David on 0435 484 608

Consecrated Life Weekend—4-6 May. Missionaries of God's Love Sisters: A low-key weekend in Kambah of vocation information, stories of calls, discernment support, fun, and prayer, for young women looking for more. Contact us: 6166 6941

Man Overboard Next Meeting, 4 May. Monthly gathering of young men discerning a call to a priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect, commune and to be supported. Each gathering is held on the first Friday of the month at the Archbishop's residence from 5 – 7pm. RSVP your attendance via www.manoverboard.org.au.

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Street Ministry—5 May. Build confidence & knowledge in STREET MINISTRY! Parish Centre, 10am-4pm. St Benedict Mission Centre, Narrabundah. All Welcome. Contact Brian: 0409 126 804.

Canberra Women For the World Luncheon 2018—10 May. Focus on the plight of refugees, particularly women and children. Royal Canberra Golf Club (RCGC), Yarralumla. Cost: \$130 per person. Register 23 Apr. www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-fundraising/women-for-the-world. Em: Fiona.Wilkinson@caritas.org.au Phone: 6201 9852

Lifeline - Volunteers course 12/13 May—It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to provide Lifeline's telephone crisis

support services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, across Australia. Lifeline Canberra relies on support from the community to answer the crisis support line. visit <https://www.act.lifeline.org.au> and follow the VOLUNTEER links or phone 61716300.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy—13 May for Fatima Day. Pauline Fathers Monastery, "Penrose Park" near Berrima. Coach departs from Woden Interchange, Platform 18 @ 7.00am, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin @ 7.10am, St Joseph's Church, O'Connor @ 7.30am. For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

Loreto Federation—18-20 May. The Ex-Students of Loreto Normanhurst are celebrating the 30th gathering of Loreto Federation. The program for the weekend, will engage, challenge and inspire participants. Booking form : www.loretofederation.sydney or Email: federation@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Catechists Professional Development—19 May, Hayden Hall, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. 10am-1pm including a shared lunch. Contact matt.ransom@cg.org.au or 6239 8500 for more details

A Pilgrim's Walking Retreat – The Carcoar Camino - 18-20 May. Two day retreat, 3.00pm following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. Cost: \$190 (Includes all meals and accommodation). Ph:63673058. Em: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com Online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

L'Arche Card Day—21 May. Canberra Bowling Club Hobart Ave, Forrest, 10am-2pm. Cost \$25 (tea, coffee, lunch, wine or juice included). RSVP by 14 May. Contacts: Mary - 6258 1739 or Di 62412658

Greta Bradman 'Home' Concert—15 June, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets \$57/Conc. \$50. Booking www.gretabradman.com or by calling (02) 9266 4034

Marian Procession - 14 Oct. Save the Date - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana will be leading those gathered on this special day.

We pray for...

Those to be married: Monica Osuchowski & Matthew Buchtman

Those who are ill:

Anniversaries of death: Felicidad Jalotjoe, John Keating, Ingrid Kemp, 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, Maureen Wilson

Recently Deceased: Charles Ryan, Kathleen Bramley, Michael Diaz, John Beath, Flora Vicencio, Guerriero Spagnolo, Michelina DeAngelis, Mattia Nappi, Annunziata Palombi, Portia McCusker, Edeltraud (Trudy) Unger, Pandiyeth Thomas Mathai, Harry Savery, Maria Sanz, Joan Millard, Carlos Sullivan, Eugenia Prendergast, Anna Walter, Hon Shing Chan, Angela Maher,

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.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	28/29 Apr	5/6 May	28/29 Apr	5/6 May
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Frances Bulbrook	Marcelle Disayanake Damien Balachandran	Any available EMHC	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Liza Quinn	Kristina Faigl Jessica Neubeck	Any available EMHC	Mineke Peerboom
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Kristina Faigl	Wanda Kaucz Dominic Chin	Any available EMHC	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Ceciley Matthews Gabrielle Wright	Any available EMHC	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey
5.30pm (SCC)	Aoiffe Connors Jacob Madden	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Any available EMHC	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish encompasses the areas of Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla