



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

5th Sunday of Easter
Year B
28 April 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023–2024

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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

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

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

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE MERCY AND FEARLESSNESS OF BARNABAS

Our First Reading is quite incredible. Saul has had a miraculous conversion and now, after a few years coming to terms with his new faith, we hear that Saul wants to go and help the apostles. He hasn't just changed his opinion on Christianity, he is determined to become a part of it.

We can easily imagine how the Apostles might be hesitant to accept Saul into their inner circles. Not only was he a public enemy of the faith, but he also encouraged the killing of many of their close friends, men like Stephen, people who they had known and worked with from the beginning of it all. The Apostles were right to fear him. It was sensible for them to doubt the genuineness of his conversion. After all, if he wanted to destroy the faith, why wouldn't Saul go undercover and find out all of their secrets? Trusting this former foe is an extraordinary risk.

What is very meaningful here too is that it's Barnabas who goes and finds Saul and presents him to the others. Barnabas was the replacement for Judas, we could see him as the new guy, we wouldn't judge him if he was to stay quiet and let the others figure things out. But Barnabas shows exemplary courage, he is sent on his own to find out the fate of the Christians who fled Jerusalem. He also after hearing rumours of Saul's conversion, takes the initiative to go and find out for himself.

Barnabas shows great mercy to this man who killed his friends, he takes Saul back to Jerusalem with him. Presumably they would have walked back along the same road where Saul had his encounter with Christ and his conversion.

Arriving in Jerusalem, Barnabas is not afraid to defend Saul. Who, surely, must have been a hated man, a turncoat to the Jews and a killer of Christians. Barnabas takes him by the hand as a brother, and explains all that Saul has done, how he has repented of his crimes, how they were done in ignorance, how Saul preached in the name of Christ, how he was threatened by the Hellenists, and ran to Tarsus for safety.

The Apostles embrace their former persecutor and view him as one of them. We see this beautiful image of Saul preaching Christ with the Apostles in the streets of Jerusalem. The very same places were Saul had persecuted the Church, he now builds it up. In the streets where he committed hatred, he now works mercy.

Brothers and Sisters, let us try to live out the faithfulness and fearlessness of Barnabas, let us pray for our enemies, and work to be reconciled with them, quick to trust God, and to forgive offences against us, let us also pray for the gift of encouragement, that we may speak well of each other, so that the glory of God may be worked through us and our brothers.

Fr Alex.

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 29 Mon of the 5th week of Easter
St Catherine of Siena
Tues April 30 Tues of the 5th week of Easter
Wed May 1 Wed of the 5th week Easter
Thu. May 2 Thu of the 5th week of Easter
St Athanasius
Fri. May 3 Fri of the 5th week of Easter
Sts Philip and James
Sat. May 4 Sat of the 5th week of Easter
Sun April 21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER, YR B

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.**

PARISH MORNING TEA— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 5 May.**

CATECHESIS with Fr Alex—For the next few weeks we will cover the history of the Church from its very beginning through to today and even guess at what the future of Church might look like. This Monday we will look at Church during the Middle Ages 1054-1517AD. Come and join, dinner and drinks provided. **Monday 29th April**, Haydon Hall at **6:30pm**. All welcome!

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— 1st Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 9 May, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Communion will take place on Sunday **2 June 2024** at the **11am Mass**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

READ AND FEE: CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB— This book club is focussed on cultivating a deeper spiritual life. Starting with *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits* by Dan Burke – an excellent introduction to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available to purchase from the Catholic Bookstore, Amazon, Dymocks, Parousia Media online store and/or Veritatis Publishing. Don't worry if you can't purchase the book as we'll be reading sections out loud on the night. Held **Friday May 3 7pm-8:30pm (weekly)** in the **Haydon Hall**. Food and drinks provided.

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.



Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6pm
We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** www.tfo.org.au

His Word for Kids is for children aged 2 to the end of primary school. It will run on the last Sunday of every month during the 9:30 SPC mass. To assist in delivering this important ministry please contact marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com. Materials and a program will be provided.

Marriage Preparation Courses— Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11th June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

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.

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
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OPEN LETTER TO ACT MLAs against upcoming VAD BILL— show your support in opposing the Voluntary Assist Dying Bill 2023 by signing the petition <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. To find out more <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit catholiccaretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

Oceania Evangelisation Program - Pentecost Sunday 19 May 11.30am – 7.30pm—In this Year of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, I invite you to gather with me for this key event to experience the grace and power of Pentecost and to be renewed by currents of grace flowing throughout Oceania. My invitation is extended to parishes, members of Movements and staff and leaders in Catholic schools. Please join us to renew the life and mission of the Church across Oceania." Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Venue: St Benedict's Narrabundah. \$35 per head, including lunch and dinner. Register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1136531> Inquiries: carmelhenry2@gmail.com 0409777743

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** Online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Isaac Walker, Jacinta & Lily Dimock

Those who are ill: Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Mario Zulli, LaVonne Bobongie, 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, Anita Asuncion Pahate, Tobias Barry

Recently Deceased: Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Naijes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Thomas Fernando (Father of Fr Rembert Fernando), Marie Docherty (sister of Fr Mick Burk), Anthony Kelly, Csr, Maria Crowe

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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: 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.

Second Reading

1 John 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 to 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 commandment 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

John 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 the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

READERS ROSTER APRIL

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
		27/28 April	4/5 May	27/28 April	4/5 May
<i>Mass</i>					
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Becky Langworthy	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Becky Langworthy			
9.30am (SPC)	Damien Balanchandran Raphael Molu	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh			
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Jacqueline Hipwell	Jacqui Ramesh Bronwen Grey	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	
5.00pm (SCC)	Anthony Brierley Lynette Yap	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher			

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