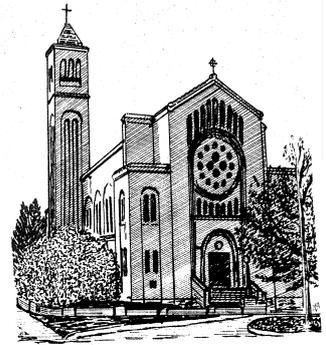


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

5th Sunday of Lent
Year B -
21 Mar 2021

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



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

PARISH OFFICE

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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

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

On this 5th Sunday of Lent Jesus proclaims, "unless a grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." As a child, in kindergarten, we planted sunflower seeds outside the backdoor of the classroom. I remember how fascinated we were, that this small seed would become something so big, a sunflower. We cherished those seeds as they sat on our desks until the day of planting arrived. Yet I recall how horrified we were when Mrs Stone explained how deep we needed to plant them? "That will kill them!" we protested! "No, that will give them *life!*", come the response. What powerful image as we continue our Lenten journey, towards the greatest mystery of all.

The image Jesus uses is twofold. He is of course speaking of his own death – that he must die that we may have life. The seed, however, also says something of us – and our own lives – which bear his image. Jesus qualifies, "Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." Jesus uses the confronting image of death. Unless a grain of *dies*... It bears nothing.

The question becomes then, how can a grain which is dead produce anything? It cannot! A dead seed is useless. So has Jesus just embarrassed himself?

The death Jesus is speaking of is not simply a physical death, but rather a death far more profound... a death which asks so much more of us, and brings forth only abundant life. You see the seed which falls to the ground never dies.... at least not literally, for if life were no longer in it, it would be useless. Rather it dies to the reality of living and existing only for itself, for its own sake.

Before his passion and death, Jesus teaches us, his children, that so it is with us. A seed not plunged into the rich soil, remains merely a seed, it achieves nothing and remains forever stagnant and eventually sterile. So too with the human life that is not plunged into the rich soil of the mercy, love and life of God. The seed itself does not die, but the truth of the seed existing only for itself, is put to death. And so too must this be for the Christian!

Some of my classmates that day, for fear of losing the seed, placed it only shallowly under the soil's surface, and it bore no fruit. Others left it literally above the soil, and again, no growth, no fruit. But for those who plunged the seed deep within the soil, the results were not only abundant, but alluringly beautiful. Let this be our story too, as we courageously continue on the pilgrim way.

Friends, this weekend will see the return, or rather, the introduction of our new collection bags, to be taken around at the regular time within the Mass. This too is a part proper to the liturgy. In the early years of the Church, the faithful brought bread and wine to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. These gifts were collected by the deacons during the liturgy. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work and support of the Church. This moment echoes in a practical way the sacrificial action at the heart of worship. I want to thank you all sincerely for your generosity, patience and flexibility during these days and months of change. Since *COVID 19*, understandably, our collections have struggled significantly, however many of you have transitioned to one of the methods of electronic giving, which has been very much welcomed. Thankyou. If you would like to give electronically, please contact the parish office. Any gift in the collection is always very much appreciated and supports your priests and parish. Please give generously. Please know too that an income and expense statement for the calendar year 2020 will be available soon.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please keep our candidates & catechumens in your prayers.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical

Calendar

Mon 22 Mar 5th week of Lent
Tue 23 Mar 5th week of Lent
Wed 24 Mar 5th week of Lent
Thu 25 Mar Annunciation of the Lord
Fri 26 Mar 5th week of Lent
Sat 27 Mar 5th week of Lent
Sun 28 Mar Palm Sunday

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)
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—
Resumes, February 2021*

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*

NO CATHEDRAL VIGIL 5PM MASS ON 20 MARCH—due to a previously booked wedding. **No Reconciliation** at St Peter Chanel's on 23 March due to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

GRILL'D & GOD—Tues 23 Mar, 5.30pm, Grill'd in Manuka. An event for high-schoolers. The students will have to register at: bit.ly/grilld-god. Contact Anh.tran@cg.org.au for more info.

WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE: 18 and 25 of March, Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/. Follow online or join our Parish Group. Email Leeann Gallo-way c/- the Parish Office at cathedral@cg.org.au for further information.

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 the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

ENROL NOW—2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts Tues, 20 April, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

Easter Services

Bookings for all services (except Stations of the Cross) will be required through trybooking. **Cut off date for all bookings is 1pm Thur 1 Apr. Present your ticket at the door.**

Chrism Mass— Cathedral —Mon 29 Mar, 5pm; - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAJ>

Holy Thursday—Yarralumla —1 Apr, 7pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFBI>

Cathedral—7.30pm—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAT>

Good Friday— Yarralumla - 2 Apr, 10am Station of the Cross (no need to book)

Cathedral—Lord's Passion, 3pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKSA>

Easter Vigil— Cathedral— 3 Apr, 7.30pm—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPKYX>

Easter Sunday - Cathedral—4 Apr, 8am— <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKZO>

Yarralumla— 9.30am—<https://www.trybooking.com/BPLAK>

Cathedral—11am - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKZV>

Cathedral—5.30pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPLAG>

Easter Egg Hunt and Morning Tea —After the 9.30am Easter Mass at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Contact: anh.tran@cg.org.au for more details.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul—We visit the poor and others in need in their homes. We are called by faith to serve our community. We believe we have a responsibility to turn our concern into action. Are you looking for a meaningful way of helping others? Your local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking new members to help serve our neighbours in need. Information meeting: after Masses on 20 and 21 March. Society members will be available outside the Church. Contact [John Smith_0408113690] for questions or further information.

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider re-commencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt 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 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 - 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.

Neglect of Ageing with Dignity—23 Mar, 7pm. Christians for an Ethical Society forum will be held at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay. More information and registration through Eventbrite.

Men's Cursillo Weekend—25 Mar 2021. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff (chantel1997@hotmail.com, 0451 013 772).

Gone Fishin - Men's Weekend Retreat—26/28 Mar, 6pm, Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar. Blokes only weekend. to get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be. Cost: \$260 (includes all meals & accommodation) Register: 02 63673058.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church—Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra-Goulburn Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au

Daramalan College Enrolment—25 Mar 2021—**Open Evening.** www.daramalan.act.edu.au. Bookings Essential. **"TRY DARA FOR A DAY"** We offer all current Year 6 students an opportunity to visit the College and experience life at Daramalan. (NOTE: Bookings are essential). For more information contact the Registrar: enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au or phone 6245 6348

Merici College Enrolling Now! Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm. Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May. Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October. Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

Continuing the Journey: the instrumentum laboris (working document) for the Plenary Council. Continuing the Journey can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IL-document-single-pages.pdf>. As at other stages in the Plenary journey, people are encouraged – individually and collectively – to pray with the document. A simple reflection guide has been produced to support us in this.

Evenings for the Engaged—A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course 10 & 17 July. Contact prugordon@gmail.com or 0451 670 041.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY - The Catholic faith echoes the dignity of all people and welcomes every person as equal members of Christ's Body. To ensure our parish is meeting the needs of the disabled and chronically ill community, have produced a survey to identify and accommodate the unique needs of our members and community. We invite you to complete our survey, available in the Church Franklin street Foyer and on our website. Complete forms can be emailed to the Office or returned to the sacristy at any Mass.



Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Cullen Grainger

Those to be married: Josephine Maiuto & Nathan Lenarduzzi; Andre De Aquino & Rachel Dash; Adam Misios & Renee Bekavac

Those who are ill: Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono

Anniversaries of death: Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Keith McLaughlin, Shirley Evans, Anthony Donohoe

Recently Deceased: Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrairie Barbary,

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

First Reading

Jer 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Reading

Jn 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors				
Mass	20/21 Mar	27/28 Mar		
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Eleanor Noorli	Scott Pobihun Gabrielle Wright		
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldene Ford Wanda Kaucz	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash		
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Marcus Smith Philip Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Dominic Chin	Mineke Peerboom Wanda Kaucz		
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Jyman Lynn Chan	Bronwen Grey Jacqueline Hipwell		
5.30pm	Rebekah O’Meagher	Therese Ngozi Okwudike		

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