

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

5th Sunday of
Lent Year C -
3 April 2022

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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

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

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

One day, we will face the judgement of God ourselves. Will we be like the Pharisees who try to trick our Lord, or will we be like the guilty woman who receives the mercy of Christ?

The Roman law forbade the Jews from capital punishment. The Scribes and Pharisees are trying to get Jesus to break this law. Adultery carried the punishment of stoning to death. A charge of adultery required the testimony of witnesses to be sustained, and this group of Pharisees and Scribes have, (one wonders what they were doing) caught the woman, but not the other, in the act.

However, Jesus, doesn't take a stone, he bends down and starts to write with his finger. Whatever he writes absolutely terrifies this group, and they quickly disappear. Now, I don't think that the Pharisees and Scribes leave because they are shamed by Jesus, nor that they're inspired by His kindness and mercy or overcome with compassion for this woman. There is an ancient tradition of the Church, which puts forward that: Jesus wrote out a list of the Pharisees names and their own sins. What could possibly be more terrifying than to have your private sins spelled out for everyone to see? Jesus is putting these Pharisees and Scribes into the exact position that they have put this woman. They must all concede that they have sinned and cannot cast a stone.

Here we see that judgement belongs to God, and in seeing God's right to judge, we also see his mercy. Jesus refuses to condemn the woman, and tells her to 'go away and sin no more'.

My guess is that reading this account makes us more afraid than glad. God knows our sins, He knows everything that we have done, and everything that we should've done. As he's warned us before, 'If you judge others, you yourselves shall be judged', let us not take the part of the Pharisee's. Let us instead, turn away from our sins and plead forgiveness and mercy whilst we still have time. Let us pray that we be like the woman caught in adultery, guilty but forgiven, contrite and resolute to sin no more.

God doesn't desire our punishment, he desires that we live free from sin.

Let us work together to stop our own judgements and to obey God.

Fr. Alex



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - PREPARING FOR EASTER

The First Rite of Reconciliation, with Adoration will be offered:

Tuesday 5th April from 6:00pm-7:30pm

in Saint Christopher's Cathedral.

"Approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

This evening will be in addition to regular confession times.

Please note there is no evening confession Thursday 14th April, during Holy Week.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

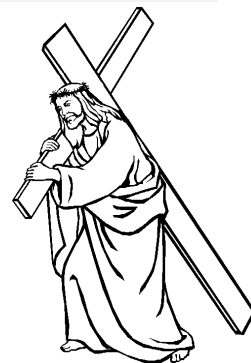
Mon.	April 4	5th Week of Lent
Tues.	April 5	5th Week of Lent
Wed.	April 6	5th Week of Lent
Thu.	April 7	5th Week of Lent
Fri.	April 8	5th Week of Lent
Sat.	April 9	5th Week of Lent
Sun.	April 10	PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

LENT — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00pm, FRIDAY'S IN LENT.

Saint Christopher's Cathedral

- ♦ Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence (*no meat*).
- ♦ Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- ♦ The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.



HOLY WEEK 2022

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL

First Rite of Reconciliation — 6:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday 5 April

Palm Sunday — Sunday 10 April (regular Sunday Mass times)

Chrism Mass — 5:00pm Monday 11 April

Maundy Thursday — Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 14 April, 7:30pm

Good Friday — The Lord's Passion — Friday 15 April, 3pm

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil — Saturday 16 April, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday — Sunday 17 April, 8am, 11am & 5pm

ST PETER CHANEL'S

Maundy Thursday — Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:00pm

Good Friday — Stations of the Cross — 10am

Easter Vigil — 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass — Sunday 17 April, 9:30am

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.

CHRISM MASS, 2022

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese, **Monday 11 April at 5:00pm** in St Christopher's Cathedral. In this Sacred Mass, the **Holy Oils** used in the Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. You are warmly invited to gather for this significant occasion.



2022 SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Confirmation classes start **Tues, 3 May, 6pm-7.30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. For Year 5 & 6 students or older. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. Enroll: cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office. Confirmation will take place in St Christopher's, Wed, 8 June 2022 at 6pm. First Reconciliation classes start 26 July for 24 Aug. First Eucharist classes start 18 Oct for 13 November.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP: FIRESIDE CHATS held February through November on the first Friday of the month in the Catholic Bookshop. The next Fireside Chat May 6, Dr. Ingrid Kensey will address **The Sacredness of Life – The Case Against Euthanasia**. Please register to join by going to www.firesidechats.org.au



HOME HOLY NIGHT- inviting all year 11 and 12 students, young adult and professionals and parishioners to a night of going deeper with a session input, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Friday 8th April, from 5pm at St Christopher's Cathedral.

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**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 — runs throughout the Lenten season to April 17. **Please take home a Project Compassion box &/or a set of donation envelopes** & support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Help support people living with disabilities in India, gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. Call 1800 024 413 to donate with a credit card or direct deposit, also on Qkr! or visit: lent.caritas.org.au/

ENTERING INTO HOLY WEEK – Women's Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. Women of all ages welcome. Prepare Spiritually to enter into Holy Week. Talks and discussion, as well as times for silence, prayer, Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Morning tea & lunch provided. 9:30am for a 10am start. **Saturday 9 April 2022 10:00 AM - 4:00pm** St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala NSW 2141. Register: trybooking.com/events/landing/868711

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



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

HOLY TRINITY SHOW N SHINE— 3 April (10-3pm) *Holy Trinity Church*, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin. Organised by the 'Canberra Street Machine Association', the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Free entry with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.

COMPASSION FOR REFUGEES – A PALM SUNDAY RALLY— April 10th. Various groups will come together with the wider community seeking more humane and compassionate policies towards refugees and those seeking asylum in Australia. 1pm Garema Place in Civic.

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY: People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for Campbell Parish. This is a part-time permanent position (10 hours per week). Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching and experience in an office environment. Salary Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please phone Fr Emil 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement to be received by 19 April.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Christopher Romano & Marko Sekulic

Those to be married: Jessica Brooker & Adrian Macor, Gabrielle Idle & Alexander Cataldo

Those who are ill: 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: 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, Augusta Savoca

Recently Deceased: Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbeter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell (Father of Fr Luke Verrell), Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutton, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas, Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu



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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: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

First Reading

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Second Reading

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	2/3 Apr	9/10 Apr	16/17 Apr
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Roseanne McGrath	Scott Pobihun Ruth Meadows	Jacob Madden Crystal Laven
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	Fiona Wheeler Roseanne McGrath	Mike Nash Roseanne McGrath
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Wanda Kaucz	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	Lynn Chan Jaye Corcoran
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	Mark Hyman Bronwen Grey	Jacqui Ramesh Leszek Buszynski
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Rebekah O'Meagher	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	Kevin Woods Francilia Gomes

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