



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



5th Sunday of Lent -
Year A
26th March 2023

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YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER

8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

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

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

Monday 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

Lazarus, Come Out!

Three times in the Scriptures, Jesus raises someone from death. The daughter of the Synagogue Official, Jairus. The Widow's Son, on his way to burial in Nain. And finally Lazarus, already buried for four days.

And while all raised to bodily life, St Augustine reminds us of the deeper spiritual reality that Jesus wants us to see, through his miracles. They are a healing from the woundedness of sin.

Recall Jesus' account of the prodigal son, who returning from his sinful, wounded life, the Father proclaims: "He was dead and has come back to life" (Lk 15: 32).

St Augustine understands the death of Jairus' daughter, whom Jesus raised *in* the house, as depicting those sins which are locked up in our minds and hearts. Hatred, resentment, lust, envy. Not yet revealed in our actions but internally, these have taken abode in our heart. When we welcome them, we welcome only death. Yet, raising the young girl, Jesus tells us who have such interior lives, that he can bring us to a new life.

The death of the young man, carried outside the gates of the city, speaks of the sin which has now 'come out' of the mind and heart and manifested itself in our actions. Gossip, anger expressed through words and violence; even nasty tweets or lust expressed in sexual immorality. In raising the young man Jesus teaches us that we who approach death in our souls by such actions, can be raised and come to new life.

Finally, there is Lazarus. Already buried and now stinking in the tomb, symbolises the trap of habitual sin. Sin has not only come out of the heart into action but has become a 'stinking habit'. One is habitually gossiping, lying, cheating, acting selfishly, violently, enviously, and lustfully. Lazarus, Augustine explains, depicts the worst kind of sin. One which has taken hold.

Yet Christ now approaches, without fear nor disdain. But, in fact, with *great* love. Jesus goes into this furthest, smelliest, most disagreeable state and there invites us back to life. No one is irredeemable, however far one has strayed, whatever grave they find themselves in; no one is beyond the reach of God's redemptive mercy.

Jesus wept as he approached the tomb, pained at how sin cripples and diminish us, the jewel in his creation. Jesus, weeping, calls out for you. For as St. Irenaeus declares "the glory of God is the human being fully alive".

The raising of Lazarus, was the most astonishing to the people of the time. For Jewish belief held that the soul of the dead somehow remained with the body three days before departing the body. It is then that decay sets in. Such a view is expressed by Martha, when she objects to opening Lazarus' tomb, because: "already there is a stench because he has been dead four days".

Perhaps, Jesus intentionally delayed his coming, to let the situation appear "impossible", beyond resurrection!

For those who see and hear then, this miracle is the sign that they should never give up hope even in the seemingly hopeless situations in which they find themselves.

However, we must cooperate by faith for divine intervention. Jesus issues three commands to those surrounding. First, he asked that the stone be rolled away. Jesus could have commanded the stone to roll away itself, but he didn't. Why? Because divine power seems always to be activated by human cooperation and stifled by non-cooperation.

Secondly Jesus orders Lazarus to come out himself, and he gropes his way out of the dark tomb even with his hands and feet tied up in bandages. The man rotting away in the tomb can still do something to help himself, by listening to Jesus' instruction and taking the step to come out of the place of death.

Lastly, Jesus asked them to unbind Lazarus and set him free. Even though Lazarus could stumble himself out of the tomb, he could not unbind himself. He needs the community to do that for him. By unbinding Lazarus and setting him free, the community is accepting Lazarus back. We, the community of faith, also have a role to play in the full rehabilitation of her strayed members. Are we ready to unbind and accept one another, especially those among us who are coming back from the place of death?

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office*

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Mar 27 5th Week of Lent
Tues. Mar 28 5th Week of Lent
Wed. Mar 29 5th Week of Lent
Thurs. Mar 30 5th Week of Lent
Fri. Mar 31 5th Week of Lent
Sat. April 1 5th Week of Lent
Sun. April 2 PALM SUNDAY

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.**

LENT — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00pm, EACH FRIDAY 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. In Lent, we omit the "Alleluia" at Mass.

CHRISM MASS – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

MULTICULTURAL MASS—16 April 2023 You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

Holy Week 2023

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL

First Rite of Reconciliation— 6:00pm-7:30pm Thursday 30 March

Palm Sunday — Sunday 2 April

Chrism Mass — Monday 3 April, 5:00pm

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper — Thursday 6 April, 7:30pm

Good Friday, The Lord's Passion — Friday 7 April, 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil — Saturday 8 April, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday — Sunday 9 April, 8am, 11am & 5pm

ST PETER CHANEL'S

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross — 10am

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

HELP FOR A YOUNG MUM— THANKYOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED— A deep and sincere thankyou to all who have so generously given to our *HelpMum* appeal. A total of **\$2170** has been raised. The response has been humbling and your generosity is always appreciated.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— Confirmation classes start **Thurs 27 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info. Confirmation will take place on Sat 27 May 2023 at 5pm. 1st Reconciliation starts 1 June for 28 June and First Eucharist starts 27 July for 20 August.

Parish Lenten Bible Study - join us as we continue reflecting on the mercy and love of The Father based on the book, 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen. We will be looking at the final chapters, the **Epilogue and Conclusion** on **Monday 27th March 7pm** in the **Haydon Hall**. All are welcome

FROM STONE TO ETHER: THE JOURNEY WITHIN— explore one-of-a-kind Florentine mosaics by Anatoly Golobokov, held in The Chapel of Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street Barton. **Opening night 12 April 6-7:30pm. Exhibition 13-18 April 10:30am-3:30pm** daily.



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.

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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (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 APPEAL 2023 – Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or at 1800 024 413. “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” – St Pope John Paul II Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations.

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

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

'TRIUMPH' - Diocese of Wollongong 2023 Lenten program. Available from the *Catholic Bookshop*.

SEEKING HISTORIC PHOTOS—Please send copies of your historic photos (with description) of Saint Christopher's, to cathedral@cg.org.au. These will form part of a display for our anniversary year.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT NIGHT— for priestly and religious vocations will be held on Thursday 6th April at St. Brigid's Presbytery 5:30pm, a paschal lamb dinner, followed by the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, with quiet time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rsvp essential contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au

RADIO MARIA— Catholic radio station Radio Maria is a free to download app and is available 24/7 broadcasting prayers, the Mass, talks and spiritual music of diverse genres from around the world. A lay-based organisation that began in Italy in the 80s, is now in over 90 countries and recently became available in Australia. It is now free to download on the App Store and Google Play Store



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Chloe Howe, Scarlett Abejaron, Pia Focarile, Adelaide Kenyon

Those to be married: Natalie Vigliotta & Juliano Borgna, Simone Stevens & Shaun Arneil

Those who are ill: Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

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, Nuala Kelly, Maura Kelly, Bri Humphreys, Alberto Alfredo Bonansea, Claudia De Salazar, Zoa Molina, Jose Rafael Naar Salazar, Javier Family, Patricia & Bernie Shepherd, Lea Connellan, Guthrie family, Margaret and Michel Quinn

Recently Deceased: Agnes Shea, James Goldrick, Santina Zavone, Amelia Ciampa, Leon Gerathy, Bishop David O'Connell, Hayden Marsh, Clara Yee, Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine, Remziye Yucel, Shelley Cameron, Tom McClelland, Father Neville Drinkwater OAM

5th Sunday of Lent –Year A — 25/26 March



Cathedral QR code

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: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

First Reading

Ez 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Second Reading

Rom 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel (Longer version Jn 11:1-45) Jn 11:3-7.17.20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

READERS ROSTER MARCH

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	25/26 March	1/2 April	25/26 March	1/2 April
5.00pm (SCC)	Coffee House group	Ruth Meadows Stewart Unwin		
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler		
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Becky Langworthy	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Raphael Molu	Jaye Corcoran Damien Balachandran		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Bianca Goh	Mark Hyman Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Annabelle Devitt Francilia Gomes	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden		

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