St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

— Year A

15/16 Feb 2020

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sunday: 8.00am, 11.00am (sung) & cuppa 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: 11.30am—12.00pm Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm Adoration & Benediction

St Christopher's:

Tues-Friday weekly 5-6pm (except 1st Thurs). Adoration: First Friday of the month 12.45-2pm. Holy Hour & Benediction for discernment of Priestly vocations: 1st Thurs of the month 7-8pm

Vespers First Sundays, 6.30pm Baptisms

St Christopher's: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12.30pm St Peter Chanel's: 3rd Sun,10.30am

<u>Weddings</u>

St Christopher's: Saturday 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

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

PARISH OFFICE

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

Continuing the Sermon on the Mount Jesus words today would have been striking and even aggravating to many who heard them, especially the Pharisees and those who would later call for his death. The words Jesus utters seemingly usurp the authority of Moses; recalling how Moses received the law on the mountain, Jesus is now giving a law upon a mountain. And yet how many realise what is truly happening?

Jesus is not speaking against Moses, but presenting himself as the new Moses. He does not undermine nor seek to destroy the law, but rather to fulfil and reveal the true essence and purpose of it. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to *fulfil* them. ...until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law." (Matt 5:8).

Throughout the synoptic Gospel's (Matthew, Mark & Luke) Jesus is revealing his identity and so his authority. In Mathew he shockingly claims: "He who does not love me more than mother or father is not worthy of me," indicating that he *himself* is the greatest possible good, the source, fabric and possibility of every other relationship we cherish. Then in Luke: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away," again identifying himself with the very Word of God. When challenged by the Pharisees on the Sabbath Jesus says, in reference to himself, "I tell you, something greater than the Temple is here." See what is happening? Jesus is unmistakably affirming his divinity, God in the midst of his people; since for first century Jews, it was obvious that only God himself would be greater than the Temple. Occasions when Jesus speaks like this abound in the Synoptic Gospels.

And so we arrive at today's passage: "You have heard it said [dot, dot, dot]... but I say to you..." This is perhaps one of Jesus' boldest statements. Where had they heard it said before but in the Torah, the inspired and sacred Word of God? And yet now Jesus is claiming superiority to even the Torah, the highest authority for the Jewish people. Who could make such a claim, but the One who is himself the author of the Torah?

'The law was always meant to bring humanity into line with divinity. In the beginning, this alignment was at a fairly basic level. But now that the definitive Moses has appeared, the alignment is becoming absolute, radical, complete.'

Fr Trenton

We welcome Chiara Catanzariti to our Parish as our new young adult's coordinator. An exciting chapter lay ahead this year in young adult and youth ministry. I really look forward to working with Chiara and all that lays ahead for us at SCC and SPC in the coming year. Please make Chiara welcome:

"Hello St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, my name is Chiara Catanzariti and it is a joy introduce myself as the 2020 youth minister. I have just completed my Bachelor of Commerce, double major of Law and Society & Human Resources. I'm also going into my 4th year of youth ministry in our beautiful Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.

I am excited for my role this year in the parish, focusing on the young adults and youth ministry. This year we seek to build upon the existing youth mass held every second Sunday, 5:30 at the Cathedral, as well as the weekly 6:30 Thursday night bible study at Haydon Hall. I'm also keen to explore more opportunities to engage in social events, and to fortify the connections of our

parish and local schools. Please come and say hello, and keep our young people in your prayers. We are all called to foster the vision of youth ministry as a community. Be encouraged by the love and hope of Christ which you carry by your life, and how this is something to be joyfully encountered by our young people in our Church today. I sincerely thank all those involved in this ministry, who have reached out supporting and strengthening our youth and young adults. I look forward in continuing to steward the amazing work that has been fostered in our community over the years." - Chiara Catanzariti





PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Youth Minister—Chiara Catanzariti Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

	The 7 Holy Founders of th Servite Order		
Tue 18 Feb	6th week in Ord. time		
Wed 19 Feb	6th week in Ord. time		
Thu 20 Feb	6th week in Ord. time		
Fri 21 Feb	St Peter Damian		
Sat 22 Feb	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle		
Sun 23 Feb	7th Sunday in Ord. time		

Legion of Mary Wednesday at 6.15pm Haydon Hall

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 Geetanjali Rogers

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

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

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING: Fri 28 February, 6pm, Cathedral.

HOLY RELICS VISIT—St Therese of Lisieux's relics and those of her parents St Louis and St Marie-Azelie are coming to Canberra. Over one week in March, the relics of the Little Flower, one of the most loved saints of modern times, will travel through the Archdiocese, stopping by St Christopher's Cathedral Parish along the way—Sunday 29 March between 10.45am and 1.15pm. They will then be moved to St Peter Chanel's for veneration between 1.30pm to 4.30pm. They will then be moved back to the Cathedral at 5pm for 5.30pm Mass. The relics will leave Canberra at 6.30pm. See the beautiful story of St Therese and her upcoming visit on pages 10-11 of the latest edition of the Catholic Voice. "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." — St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAYING FOR THOSE BECOMING CATHOLIC—At the Easter Vigil (Saturday 11 April), those who have made the decision to share the Catholic Faith and become part of our faith community are welcomed into the Church, receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We continue to pray for all those who are preparing for Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church. We are so very blessed to have the witness and faith of these Catechumens in our midst, it has been such a blessing and joy to journey with them Please pray for: **Rebecca Langworthy, Mikyung Heo, Hall O'Meagher, Eliza Ride** and **Ella Borgo**

A DAILY HOLY HOUR: "O come, let us adore Him" is the familiar antiphon resounding through the Christmas season, and yet still, every day, the Church continues to call out, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," inviting us, to believe, to hope, to love, to adore, and to be consoled by the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**. From February 2020, Holy Hour will commence at the Cathedral on **Tuesdays to Fridays, 5pm to 6pm.** Pope Francis reminds us that "If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." So come... let us adore Him!

LENTEN PROGRAM REFLECTION GROUPS – would YOU be interested in running or participating in a small Lenten Reflection Group with your fellow parishioners? Possible resource—see below notice 'Grace'. For expression of interest, please contact the Parish Office.

LENTEN PROGRAM BOOKLET 'GRACE' FOR SALE SOON—Features short daily reflections that accompany our major focus on the Lenten Sunday Gospels with spiritual direction. Retail @ \$9.90 but the Cathedral is subsiding @ \$5.00. Please pay \$5.00 per book into the Poor Box or pay online: https:// www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp.

SANCTUARY GROUP VOLUNTEER REQUEST—We are running short of volunteers for the Sanctuary Group for the Cathedral. This ministry looks after the cleaning of the Altars, dusting pews & windowsills, candle care, replace holy water, etc. You will be on a roster once or twice a year for one month, attending to these duties on a weekly basis during that month. If you are available, please contact this office on 62399846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

REQUEST FOR COLLECTORS AT ST PETER CHANEL'S—St Peter Chanel's is short of Collectors, especially for the 6pm Vigil Mass. If you are interested in becoming a collector, please contact the Parish office on 6239 9846.

SEEKING YOUNG MUSICIANS! The Cathedral parish is looking for young people who enjoy playing an instrument or singing. If you would like to be involved in music making at the young adults Mass (5.30pm on the second Sunday of each month), please contact the Music Director, Jaki Kane. Some basic training in liturgy will be provided. Email the parish office if you would like to find out more information or register your interest—cathedral@cg.org.au.

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts Mon, 27 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, 27 May 2020 at 5.30pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 15 June for 29 July. **First Eu-charist** classes start 17 August for 20 September.

While our listening and discernment sessions come to an end this week (Tuesday 18th) - our process of listening, discerning and shaping the Council does not. Please continue with your prayerful submissions over these coming months. The possibility of forming prayer and discussion groups in the parish in these following weeks, to support and explore the Plenary process is also something to consider, for those interested.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—Theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: *Open to conversion renewal and reform,* Tuesday February 18th, St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla.

OTHER NEWS

WHAT IS PRAYER? Join Fr Michael for a series of talks on prayer. Beginning on Sunday 16 February 2020 after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. All invited. Tea & coffee available. **16 February**—What is prayer; **23 February**—How to pray with the bible "Lectio Divina"; **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; **8 March**—How to pray the Rosary; **15 March**—What is Sacrament?; **22 March**—What is Eucharist? **29 March**—What is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?; **5 April**— What is Liturgy?

VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE—Wed. 19 Feb, 7.30pm, Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Speaker: The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC. Ken is a leading jurist, Supreme Court Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and Commissioner for Standards for the Legislative Assembly. Info: www.ces.org.au.

QUIET DAY—Sat, 22 February 9.30am-3pm The Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Dr Frances Mackay will lead this day on the theme Finding Hope in a Time of Crisis – very apt for our times. RSVP appreciated by 18th February to Alice-Anne Macnaught aamacnaught@gmail.com 0414 790 201.

AMICUS, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, next gathering at Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, Pearce Shops, 7pm for dinner. Sat. 22 Feb. RSVP Paul 0419 411 691.

ALPHA—new series starts in Queanbeyan Parish, Wed. 26 Feb, 6.30pm. Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the gbasics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"Info: Selina 0438 664 110.

MENALIVE WEEKEND: Sat 29th Feb & Sun morning 1st March St Brigid's Dickson. A terrific weekend of testimonies from ordinary men, discussion, time out to reflect on your life journey, and hospitality. Since their founding in 2003 MenALIVE have run 400 events in 25 dioceses in Australia and New Zealand for more than 15,500 men. For further details, contact Fr Emil 0414523036 or Najib Raya 0439581204 najibemail1@gmail.com.

PALMS AUSTRALIA—Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on O422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—20-22 March — weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Through keynote talks and workshops, mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & quality sisterhood, women are given the opportunity to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ & develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages Of life. Registration Ticket - \$270 including meals & accommodation. Tickets can be purchased via www.sisterhood.org.au.

EMMAUS JOURNEY – "They recognised him in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35) Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Presenter Father Pat Corbett C.Ss.R. This retreat is designed for people in the 'second half of life'. A gentle four day experience of wholeness and wellbeing. Ensuite room \$550, shared facilities \$450. Contact Saint Clements Retreat Centre 02 6380 5222, or https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/emmaus-journey/

REQUEST FOR TRAINED EUCHARIST MINISTERS AT CALVARY JOHN JAMES HOSPITAL—looking for volunteers to fill in some gaps on its roster to bring communion to Catholic patients in hospital. You need to: be available once a month for an hour and a half; do some initial orientation training and yearly Refresher Training; have a cover letter explaining your Eucharist position in your parish; and a current Working with Vulnerable People Card or be prepared to get one. If you can help, please phone Samantha Thirkettle on 6281 8112 or email on Sa-

matha.Thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au for more information.

Pope Francis invites us to hold the word of God in our hands each day. The daily readings can be found and accessed free on the Living Word https:// cgcatholic.org.au/ LivingWord/. Subscribe today.



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Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. **Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.**

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new. May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the "desert blooms with the life that lies in wait." We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



(Tap & Go PayWave Machine to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

We pray for ...

Those who are ill: Jim Kaucz, Arianna Vignale, Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin. Katarina Kish

<u>Anniversaries of death</u>: Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs, Lirio Lukban

Recently Deceased: Mary-Anne McGrath, Rod Frazer, 4 children killed at Oatlands, Roberto Emilio, Mary Bowe (Kilmartin), Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan)

Readings of the Day – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

First Reading

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a men likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and allseeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin

Second Reading

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER					
Lectors		Extraordinary	Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist		
Mass	15/16 Feb	22/23 Feb	15/16 Feb	22/23 Feb	
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Geraldene Ford	Frances Bulbrook Wanda Kaucz	Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent	
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Philip Pocock	Kristina Faigl Zoa Salazar	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Gloria Osborne Lynn Chan	Any available EMHC	Colliss Parrett	
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Liz Porra	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Jacob Madden	Jonathan Lee Jacob Madden	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze	

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

1 Cor 2:6-10

Sir 15:15-20

Mt 5:17-37