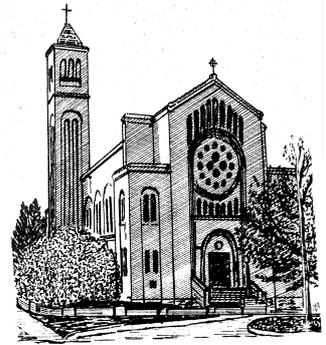


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



6th Sunday of Easter  
Year B -  
9 May 2021

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

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Masses numbers at  
St Christopher's &  
St Peter Chanel's  
will be limited until  
further notice.



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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),  
5.30pm

#### **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

## A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

Happy Mother's Day! We pray today in thanksgiving for all mothers; those with us, those who have died, and of course mothers to be. We give thanks for the sacrifice and love we have known in our own lives from our mothers; but too our wives, sisters, friends, and all women who echo the tenderness, wisdom, presence, and beauty of the God who becomes incarnate and walks this journey with us. Through their lives we see proof that God never loves from a distance.

The beauty of motherhood which we celebrate is, above all, a living image of the God who promises and gives life; who weaves his very life into the fabric of human existence. Indeed as St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "the loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." People often ask, why, why a priest? And I can only honestly answer: because of a mother, a sister, a friend; because of the beauty, witness, fidelity, and alluring wisdom I saw (and still see) in women close to me. If a woman, a mother, a wife, a friend, a sister can love that much, be that comforting, that beautiful, that wise, how much more must our God be all of these?... and more. When I see mothers with their children, and the wives of my close friends; when I see my sister's family growing and my close mates marrying and having beautiful children; I can not help but think what a revelation of God's love we have in motherhood. That is the honest answer. There is nothing more beautiful nor convincing to me of God's love. The beauty and life I see every day draws me to know the God I now live for and serve in my own vocation. Where would I be, where would any of us be, without the gift of motherhood; without the incredibly powerful and alluring witness of genuine femininity?

We pray this day that our society and world might honour the dignity and vocation of motherhood. Not degrading, discouraging or even trying to redefine it, but recognising it as the foundation it truly is - as the greatest vocation and gift of God's love the world could know. We recall the great mystery of the God who chose to place Himself, tiny and helplessly dependent, into the protective womb, loving arms and gentle hands of a human mother. From Mary, God took human flesh, all because of her faith-filled yes. Is there any greater vocation? Thank God for the gift of motherhood, which is truly a witness and participation in God's creative, nurturing love.

Friends, today we pray for all mothers, including those whose lives are marred by struggle, disappointment, and violence. May they be relieved of these burdens, know their dignity, and the closeness of their God. For mothers who have lost children, that you may find consolation in God's promise of life, the support of those around you, and the genuine promise of being united with your child once again. We pray too for mothers to be and of course for all those who experience the agonising pain of infertility and difficulty in conceiving.

May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God, and our own spiritual mother. Mary was chosen above all women; her faith and obedience to God's free invitation and grace granted the way to the Incarnation and our life with God. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and, most of all, how to truly respond to love by responding to the call of Love Himself. It's fitting then that we begin May with the celebration of Mother's Day, this vocation beyond compare. For a mother is a co-creator in a particular way - bringing life into the world with God. Thank you to all mothers. A Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

**Father Trenton van Reesch**  
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

**Director of Music**

*Jaki Kane*

**RCIA**

*Please contact parish office for next program.*

**School of Religion**

*See ad under Parish News.*

**Youth Minister**

*Anh Tran*

Email: [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au)

**Weekly Liturgical**

**Calendar**

Mon 10 May	Monday of the 6th week of Easter
Tue 11 May	Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter
Wed 12 May	Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter
Thu 13 May	Thursday of the 6th week of Easter
Fri 14 May	St Matthias, apostle
Sat 15 May	Saturday of the 6th week of Easter
Sun 16 May	THE ASCENSION of the LORD

**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)  
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC*

**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*

**A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY  
TO ALL MOTHERS**

**DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING — This Friday!** Register for the Southern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting with Archbishop Christopher, 1.30pm Friday 14 May. Register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/plenary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)

**"MOTHER'S DAY WITH OUR LADY AT THE CATHEDRAL"**— The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, join us on Sun 9 May, 3-5pm at St Christopher's (Manuka) for adoration, confession, rosary recitation, hymns of praise and benediction. Please contact 0431 060 556 if you want to volunteer/ assist on the day.

**INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE!** — Couples of every age and stage are invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your marriage. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7.15-9.30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Watch together, no group sharing, topics discussed only with your spouse. Cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Contact Steph Ransom [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au) or register <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

**A Prayer for Mothers**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care to us, your Church. Bless all women, as we celebrate this day, the gift of motherhood, a gift from you. Through them, you reveal how close you are to us. May they be strengthened as your daughters, and know how they are loved. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers of faith and hope. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

**MUSICIANS AT SPC** — Saint Peter Chanel's is seeking musicians to help enrich the liturgy through their musical gifts. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the parish office.

**CATHEDRAL SECRETARY** — on annual leave from 19 April to 24 May. Ellen will fill in during this time. Office hours may vary.

**PLEASE 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 QR code at the church entrance each time you enter.

**2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM**

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. Please keep the children preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

**First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

**Parish Collections**

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. 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](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or  
contact Parish office 6239 9846.

**Mass will be 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.



**Laudato Si Jubilee**— 21 May, 10.30am, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Archbishop Christopher will mark the Vatican's Laudato Si Jubilee & Laudato Si week with a tree planting and Liturgy of the Word outdoors at St Peter Chanel's. This ecumenical gathering will also inaugurate an archdiocesan-wide Laudato Si, Caring for Creation movement. Tel: 0428 625 110.

**Protection of Babies who Survive Abortion**— 23 May, 7pm-8.30pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, 3 Strangways St, Curtin. Sponsored by ACT Right to Life Association the first of two talks by George Christensen. Light refreshments, RSVP for catering to Bev Cains: 345bev@gmail.com; 0418 718 713.

**Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary**— 23 May, 1pm-6pm, Dickson parish centre. Fr Emil Milat will be hosting a day on the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in our faith journey, using the Cafe series of video presentations, Let it Be, on Pentecost Sunday. No need to book, BYO afternoon tea.

**Retreat: Finding God in Australia**— 6-8 Aug. Fr John Hill will lead the retreat at St Clement's. To register please email info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222.

**Positions vacant**— **Housekeeper** for the Clergy Retirement Foundation at the Garran facility. Contact: chris.koelmeyer@cg.org.au.  
**Full time Counsellor** for 'The Farm in Galong'. Contact Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428 for more information.

**Women's prayer/sharing Groups**— Contact: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com "Call to connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free starter kits. More information : <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/women-prayer-groups/>

**Volunteer Needed for Kalumburu Mission**— Diocese of Broome WA. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, For further information: Diocese of Broome Chancery T: 08 9192 1060 or by email secretary@broomedioocese.org

**Good Shepard Appeal 2021**— For those who would still like to contribute to the Good Shepherd Appeal in support of our seminarians and future seminarians, **you can do so by visiting [cgcatholic.org/goodshep](http://cgcatholic.org/goodshep)**. Please continue to pray, for young men discerning the Lord's call to serve as his priest.

**COVID-19 Vaccination News**— Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic bishops support and reassure: please visit [catholic.org.au/coronavirus](http://catholic.org.au/coronavirus) for more information.

#### **We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Lana Pavlak, Georgie Loughnan, Camila D'Amico, Alexis Knight.

**Those who are ill:** Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian.

**Anniversaries of death:** 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.

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Boyle, Ledda Simeon, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Zoran Barac, Carlo de Luca, Claudia Higuera, Alan Fogarty.

## Readings of the Day – 6th Sunday of Easter —Year B



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**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

### First Reading

**Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Second Reading

**1 Jn 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### Gospel Reading

**Jn 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER			
Lectors			
Mass	8/9 May	15/16 May	
5.00pm (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Stewart Unwin	Scott Pobihun Ceciley Matthews	
6.00pm (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Scott Pobihun	Damien Balachandran Geraldene Ford	
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Marcus Smith	
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Lynn Chan	Gloria Osborne Eleanor Noorli	
11.00am (SCC)	- Bronwen Grey	Lynn Chan Leeann Galloway	
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebecca O'Meagher Becky Langworthy	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	