



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

6th Sunday Ordinary
Time-Year A
12th February 2023

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

PARISH OFFICE

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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
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

HAPPY ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD

The root cause of our unhappiness is selfishness, either our own selfishness or being the recipient of someone else's selfishness. It can be a tough thing for us to accept but it is true.

Our unhappiness comes from not having things our own way.

Acceptance is not the path to happiness either, acceptance of the world, of others, or of our own selves, it might bring us peace, but it very rarely brings joy.

So where can we find happiness?

At its core, happiness is the belief that something is good. It is being pleased with ourselves, or others or some other thing. If happiness is in recognizing that something is good, surely the place to find happiness is the source of all that is good.

Fr. Alex

St Christopher's Cathedral 50th Anniversary Dinner

"For 50 years the Cathedral parish of St Christopher's has been a vibrant centre of Catholic life for so many in the Archdiocese. This anniversary Year offers us all an opportunity to look back with thanks for all the many blessings the Lord has given us, especially in the celebration of the Sacraments in our beloved Cathedral. In this Year of Walking Together, we look forward in hope and faith for the next 50 years." - Archbishop Christopher Prowse

17 March 2023

Mass of Thanksgiving – 5:00pm. Following Mass, we invite all friends of the Cathedral, both new and longstanding, to join our **Anniversary Dinner - Haydon Hall**
Individual or Table tickets available – trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1017990&



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 Feb 13 6th Week of Ord. Time
Tues. Feb 14 6th Week of Ord. Time
Wed. Feb 15 6th Week of Ord. Time
Thurs. Feb 16 6th Week of Ord. Time
Fri. Feb 17 6th Week of Ord. Time
Sat. Feb 18 6th Week of Ord. Time
Sun. Feb 19 7th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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.**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Reconciliation classes start **Thurs 2 March, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. 1st Reconciliation will take place on Wed 29 March 2023 at 6pm. Conformation starts 27 April for 27 May and First Eucharist starts 29 June for 23 July

RITE OF ELECTION – 5th March - Second Sunday of Lent - 10am, Cathedral Crypt. We pray for the 12 individuals who are preparing to become Catholic at Easter time, and welcome them warmly, to our community.

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) Concert— Vivaldi, Bach & Saint-Saens – 14 Feb, 8pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com.au, Tel 136 100 or cash at the door one hour prior to the concert.

50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House— Sat 25 March 2023. Renew friendships & share stories with a gathering in the Haydon Hall, 3-10pm. The 5pm Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Fr Mick Burke joined by the Coffee House Choir group. For those who were part of the Coffee House during the years 1973-1977, we would love you to join us. Please RSVP by 11th March 2023: Sue Woods Email: smwoods6@gmail.com Phone:0438 811 742. OR Tricia O'Keeffe Email: oktricia0@gmail.com. Phone:0414 627 267

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB— Friday 24th of February at 6:30pm in the Haydon Hall. Reading *The Shadow of His Wings* the extraordinary autobiography of Fr. Gereon Goldmann. A Franciscan seminarian conscripted to fight for Nazi Germany, a man who chose to die a martyr rather than sin. Join us for this exciting story of doing good in the face of evil, and see how even in the midst of the atrocities of war God is always faithful to His promise!

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER— Tickets are now available at trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1017990& or via the QR code



THE FARM, GALONG – part of the Canberra Day Appeal 2023, March 8, all donations you give will be matched 1-for-1 so your fund-raising efforts will be doubled automatically. Help us reach our target of \$10,000. Funds raised will contribute to counselling fees for our parenting therapist and psychologist and other operational needs: handsacrosscanberra.org.au/campaigns/canberra-day-appeal-2023/

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.

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA

The next meeting will be held in Suva in Feb 2023. The focus is on care for the oceans & common home. Also the finalising of the continental response to the Synod of Bishops 'Document for the Continental Stage' – see catholic.au/s/article/XVI-OrdinaryGeneral-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops.



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 cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

REMAINING CAUTIOUS- If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE— Every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral.

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

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS — Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

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.

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR – Fr Emil Milat (parish priest of Central Canberra) has been appointed the new Vocations Director. We have 3 seminarians studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. We pray for those, formed after the heart of Christ.

2nd and 4th SUNDAYS – 5PM MASS @ SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S – is led by the young adults of the parish, & includes chant and hymns. Booklets are available to follow along.

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES—Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>



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: Wynter & Macy Cusack, Arabella Brugnera, Evie Teodo, Edward Patrick, Sophia Karrys-Stahl

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

Anniversaries of death: Alfonso Cadona, 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, Eduardo Makaventa, Eugene Makaventa, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs, Norma Roach, Gail Fenton,

Recently Deceased: Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine, Remziye Yucel, Shelley Cameron, Lauren Rocher, Tom McClelland, Father Neville Drinkwater OAM, Giuseppe Paragalli, Sheila Langtry, Clare Broe (nee Scully), Jim Molan, Colleen Phillips, Renato Cervo, George Save, Maria Honchera, George Cardinal Pell, Denise Schmidt, Benedict XVI, Vin Kane, Tony Tamer, Frits Tedjakuntara, Joseph Williams, Philomena D'Cruze,

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time –Year A — 11/12 February



Cathedral QR code

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

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

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

Sir 15:15-20

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 man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. 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

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

(Longer version Mt 5:17-37) Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37

Jesus said to his disciples: 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. '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. '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. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

READERS ROSTER FEBRUARY				
Lectors				
Mass	11/12 Feb	18/19 Feb		
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	Crystal Lavien Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Melissa Dixon	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Becky Langworthy	Marcus Smith Dione Smith		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Wanda Kaucz	Maria Noronha Marcelle Disanayake		
11.00am (SCC)	Bianca Goh Les Buszynski	Bronwen Grey Jacqui Ramesh		
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Anthony Brierley	Kevin Woods Frnacilia Gomes		

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