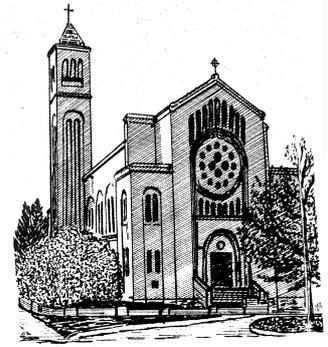


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B -  
14 Feb 2021

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

Masses at St Christopher's  
will be offered with a maxi-  
mum of 260 people present  
until further notice

#### PARISH OFFICE

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Online Payments Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>  
Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm  
Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

#### 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

Dear parishioners and visitor to Saint Christopher's Cathedral parish,

Right before the text of one of T. S. Eliot's poems, is a quote from the Greek philosopher Heraclitus: *The road up and the road down, are one and the same*. This is a paradox that we as people of faith, live and experience every day. The paradox is, as one author puts it, "the mystery of being mortal, while being made for eternal joy".

Such is our faith, that it is through much tribulation that we enter the kingdom of God - and finally, through death that we enter into eternal life. By embracing the harsh realities of this life, by taking that road down, we are made to take the road up - experiencing the newness of life in which we hope.

These past eighteen months both personally and globally, have brought this truth to the forefront of our minds once again; and in a particular sobering way. In lent however, we are reminded that our God is the *God of Hope and life*. This echo of hope and life is what Easter promises and what the Lenten season invites us to contemplate and enter into with our whole being, mind and heart.

Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, with *Ash Wednesday*. It is a time when our attention is arrested once more, as we focus with a particular intensity upon what Jesus has done for us through his passion, death and so his Resurrection and Ascension - the Paschal Mystery. It is a season above all of contradiction. Light from darkness, hope from despair, and in its pinnacle the greatest contradiction- the life of the Resurrection from the Death of the Cross. In Wednesday's Gospel we'll hear of 'the hypocrites', who wanted to be seen as someone they're not, they turned not to Christ, but to themselves; and by refusing to accept their own weakness and tribulation, they refused to accept *him*. They were 'perfect' even trying to convince not just others but God Himself of this!

The ashes we receive on this day are not a sign of our weakness, so much as a sign of our strength in Jesus - a sign of contradiction to a world that says you need to be your own strength and hope! The prophet Isaiah depicts God as a Rock, against which many stumble and fall! Jesus confirms his identity by becoming that stumbling block through the Cross, and thus the true sign of contradiction - a Crucified Christ!

In the contradiction of the Cross, Jesus remains that embodiment true hope, in a world that sees God as a constant limitation placed on our freedom - where we're told to hide our weakness and wounds, where all that matters is our appearance before others. This Lent invites us, to allow our woundedness to stand out before God, to bring *him* those wounds and seek his mercy; for this becomes the place where God works. We must never forget that those wounds which were so bloody and grotesque on that Good Friday afternoon, were the same ones which on Easter Sunday... shone like the sun!

Friends, in accord with current protocols and in care for each other, this year, we will receive the ashes through the ancient biblical custom of sprinkling. Ashes will be sprinkled upon our heads, rather than across our foreheads. This beautiful ritual recalls the powerful biblical image of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance. In the Book of Nehemiah we hear: "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads" (Neh 9:1).

May this season of preparation, contemplation, and penance - place our minds and hearts, our wounds and sin, into the hands of the God of mercy and love. And in these times of tribulation may our faith in the hope that Jesus promises every increase. For he is the God of contradiction, bringing light from darkness, hope from despair and life from death... that the road down, may become *in him*, the road up.

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

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

**Director of Music**

*Jaki Kane*

**RCIA**

*Please keep our candidates & catechumens in your prayers.*

**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 15 Feb Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Tue 16 Feb Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Wed 17 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY  
Thu 18 Feb Thurs after Ash Wednesday  
Fri 19 Feb Fri after Ash Wednesday  
Sat 20 Feb Sat after Ash Wednesday  
Sun 21 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent

**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)  
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—  
Resumes, February 2021*

**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*

**LETS KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & LITURGY**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Saint Christopher's Cathedral 7:30AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM.**

**Saint Peter Chanel's 6:30PM (Ashes only)**

**WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE:** 18 February – 25 March, Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm. Led by Archbishop Prowse, the renewal experience involves livestreamed teaching, prayer, discussion, community hubs, and Encounter Nights. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Registration and further information is available at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>.

**LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE PARISH GROUP** - The St Christopher's Cathedral & St Peter Chanel's Parish Council is inviting interested parishioners/friends to form a Parish Group to participate in the Archbishop's Lenten Renewal Experience. Please email Leeann Galloway c/- the Parish Office at [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) for further information.

**ADDITIONAL PARISH LENTEN GROUP OPTIONS:** Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality 'Sacred Space' Reflections or the Diocese of Wollongong 'Comfort' Lenten Reflections, depending on interest. Please email the Parish Office at [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) for further information. **COMFORT LENTEN PROGRAM 2021 BOOKLET**— available for sale at the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's. Each booklet is \$8.00. Please place payment in the envelope provided or pay online: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>, selecting DONATION and type 'LENTEN BOOK' in the REASON FOR DONATION.

**DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP:** To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. The App is free, download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. All data is secure, it saves time and you don't have to touch the pen! Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

**REQUEST FOR COVID MARSHALLS FOR WEEKEND MASSES** — Thank you to those who have offered assistance. The parish office is still seeking volunteers who can ensure the correct sign-in procedure is followed at Masses. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au).

**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN LENT**— 7.15pm each Tuesday for 1 hr, from 23 February for 5 successive Tuesdays, St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Yarralumla. The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 – "Be still and know that I am God". An opportunity to experience this prayer practice, learn about its origins & discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up. ([wccmaustralia.org.au](http://wccmaustralia.org.au)). Enquire: Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918

**2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM**

**Confirmation classes** starts Tues, 20 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](http://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, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Garden group are about to begin the next phase of planting in the Saint Peter Chanel's' garden project, and are calling for volunteers. Contact: Mick Roche (0400 066 408).

**Parish Collections**

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider re-commencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. 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.

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass 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 at any one time.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST 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—respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- 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. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop** - COMFORT 2021 Lenten Reflection available now. We have an 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.



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Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

**Aid to the Church in Need:** As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org). **Job Vacancies** - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work).

**Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training—5 Wednesdays 17 Feb-17 Mar, 9am-5pm, Queanbeyan**—Now enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. Costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Contact Susanne Schmidt 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com).

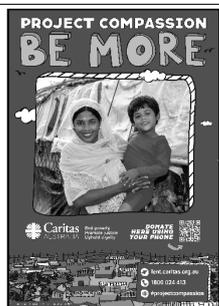
**Engaged Encounter Retreat—20-21 Feb 2021.** How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

**Men's Cursillo Weekend—25 Mar 2021.** A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff ([chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com), 0451 013 772).

**Palms Australia: The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



**Merici College Enrolling Now!** Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm. Be a Merici Girl Days: 22



Project Compassion Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Aisling Brown; Eleanor Bickerton

**Those to be married:** Jennifer Burns & Jamie Barton

**Those who are ill:** Bronwen Grey, Katarina Imsinovic, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono

**Anniversaries of death:** 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, Audrey Fernandez

**Recently Deceased:** Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage,

# Readings of the Day – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



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**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:** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. 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

**Lv 13:1-2. 44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. ‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean”. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.’

## Second Reading

**1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything ofensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

## Gospel Reading

**Mk 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER			
Lectors			
Mass	13/14 Feb	20/21 Feb	
5.00pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Steward Unwin	Ruth Meadows Scott Pobihun	
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash	
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Marcus Smith	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Gloria Osborne	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Ranee George Ceciley Mathews	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Jacob Madden	Gabrielle Wright Rebekah O’Meaghan	

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