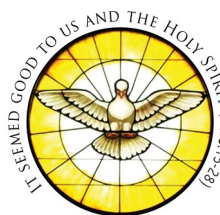
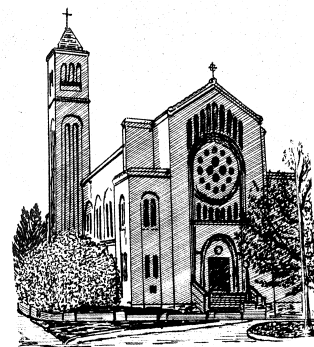


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

6th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year B
11 February 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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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),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets, Yarralumla ACT

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

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS

This Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent.

In these 40 days, we will journey towards the Hope of Easter. The season recalls the 40 years in the desert, where God's people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Jesus, too spent 40 days in the desert before his public ministry. And yet, we are not simply left to wander in this desert... nor indeed to wonder!

With the graced disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the Church accompanies us on the journey as we prepare to celebrate the heart of the Christian Mystery; the victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death. This reminder is needed more than ever. A reminder of the God who journeys with us, *ever ancient, ever new!*

In these days particularly, when darkness and death seem to hold sway, the Truth of this journeying season and the Promise of Easter in which it culminates ring ever brighter and louder.

The image of journeying is at the heart of the Christian life. The scriptures themselves are full of journeys. Noah's migration, and Abraham's too. The Exodus from Egypt and the return from exile in Babylon. The story of the Holy Family journeying to Bethlehem for the census and their journey into exile in Egypt and out again. The story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, which we will soon observe. And then later, the Emmaus journey.

Undeniably – the whole of scripture comprises one great journeying.

Of course, a journey in its simplest form *calls for change*. A movement from one location to another. In this sense, it's really a *dis*-location – which reveals the truer nature of the journey. If you've ever dislocated something, you'll know how painful and *dis*-comforting it can be. In the same way, the Christian life is a journey, which is more often a *dis*-location.

We are taken from one place to another. Led. And while it is true to say that God never loves from a distance, it can equally be said that God never leaves us where and as we are. God always *dis*-locates us.

Daily, he calls us to leave the place of comfort, which has perhaps become a place of indifference and spiritual languor – to leave the old ways and world behind and to embark on the journey which promises the garden of Easter.

The journey can be discomfoting, even with moments of agony. Yet it is the journey which promises the *fullness* of life.

When a person wanders, they know no purpose or direction. When they journey however, no matter the road, the twists and turns, they know the place to which they go. This is the Christian journey.

We are not orphans without identity or destination. When we live like this, we become cynical and miserable, all at the same time! While 'false gods' leave us where we are, stagnant and saddened, the True God calls us and not only calls but journeys with us. To the cross of Calvary and soon... to the heights of Easter.

Lent is for moving.... moving us from wandering to journeying. The 'stepping stones' by which we trek are those disciplines through which we grow in a greater love of God (prayer), a more generous love of neighbour (almsgiving), and a truer love of ourselves (fasting).

Recommit yourself this Lent to build on these three loves so that, setting out on the journey, we may one day be welcomed to its fulfilment.

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Feb 12 6th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Feb 13 6th Week in Ord. Time
Wed Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
Thu. Feb 15 Thur. after Ash Wednesday
Fri. Feb 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday
Sat. Feb 17 Sat. after Ash Wednesday
Sun Feb 18 1st Sunday of LENT Yr B

PARISH GROUPS

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.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 14 February 2024

St Christopher's Cathedral: 7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT — 5pm Fridays during 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.

2024 Lenten message from His Holiness, Pope Francis—available in the Church foyers and Cathedral website.

RITE OF THE ELECT – 18th February - Second Sunday of Lent - 10am, Cathedral Crypt. We pray for the 13 individuals who are preparing to become Catholic at Easter time, and welcome them warmly, to our community.

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2024— 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. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow, for All Future Generations

February | Marriage Preparation Course—Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - **Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm** plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged* - **Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm**. *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, **Sat 24 & Sun 25**. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au **Enquiries:** Contact Lara Kirk on lara.kirk@cg.org.au or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Women's Discernment Retreat Day 2024—The Sydney Archdiocese is holding a Discernment Day Retreat on Saturday, 24 February for women (18-35) to discover more about Consecrated Life, and how it sanctifies the individual and builds up the body of Christ. The Retreat will run from 8.30am to 5.30pm at St Thomas of Caterbury, Lewisham. Please register by **16 February** at <https://sydneyvocations.org/events/womens-discernment-day-retreat-2024/>

AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP— Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. **Date:** Thursday **14 March 2024**, at Mercı College, Wise Street Braddon. **5.30 -7.00pm Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

ST THOMAS MOORE FORUM— How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan Society, **Wed 20 Mar 7.30pm- 9pm**, Speaker: Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, The Australian Newspaper & Author. Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324> Engaging an AI Generation **Fri 14 Jun 6.45pm**, Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG Ministry. Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624>

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BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
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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:

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
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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/

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EUTHANASIA (VAD) DRAFT LEGISLATION IN A.C.T- “MISTAKEN COMPASSION” - A letter from the Archbishop is available on the Cathedral website.

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.

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

LENT 2024 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/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Loreto Ex Students’ Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024** For further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Emilie Dawson, Al Henryk Brierley, Harper Ross

Those to be married: Marcus Sanchez & Antonia Levantis, Tonia Maatouk & Michael Cunningham

Those who are ill: Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Lauren Rochette, 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: Dora Marleny Rodriguez Navarro, Kevin Allen, Mark Canning, Meg Dooley, Joan Percy (mother of Father Tony Percy), Ray Finnegan, Margaret “Peggy” Byrnes, Giysetino Ricciuti, Rathesh Fernando (brother of Fr Rembert Fernando) Geraldine Conlan, Neville Reece,

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B — 10/11 February



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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: 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

Leviticus 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 leprosy: 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 Corinthians 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 offensive 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

Mark 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.

READERS ROSTER FEBRUARY

| | | Lectors | | Eucharistic Ministers | |
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| | | 10/11 Feb | 17/18 Feb | 10/11 Feb | 10/11 Feb |
| Mass | | | | | |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | 10/11 Feb | Jacob Madden Liz Porra | Becky Langworthy Samantha Hazlett | | |
| 8.00am (SCC) | | Louise Zavone Joe Zavone | Phil Pocock Marcus Smith | | |
| 9.30am (SPC) | | Dominic Chin Clarice Poh | Fiona Wheeler Jaye Longland | | |
| 11.00am (SCC) | | Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell | Bianca Goh Les Buszynski | Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman | Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | | Crystal Lavien Francilia Gomes | Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher | | |

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