

# **St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra**

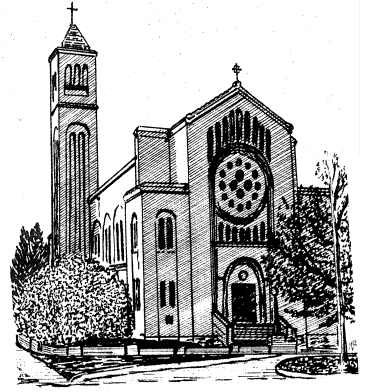
*(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)*

6th Sunday of Easter

— Year A

17 May 2020

**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**



**Masses will be offered**  
**without a congregation**  
**present until further**  
**notice.**

**Confessions by**  
**appointment**

**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 (Working remotely)

**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm (Working remotely)

Dear Parishioners of St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

**PETER, MARY AND GRANDMOTHER**

Years ago I remember the tragic death of a 20-year-old man. I was the local Priest and spent much time with the family. In the first days the family was in utter chaos. There was shock, anger, total bewilderment. Naturally. There was a complete lack of structure and we could not really plan for the Funeral Mass. This continued until the arrival of the grandmother! She was delayed a few days as she lived interstate. When she arrived at the home I was there and it was a marvel to behold. The grandmother did not say a word. She simply put her arms out and three generations approached her. She embraced them with great love and the ultimate consolation they were looking for. There were many tears but very few words. Although the pain continued, after that moment of embrace, we were able to move on to the next stage of preparing for the funeral. It seemed the grandmother did not want to find answers to the mystery surrounding her grandson's death. She simply wanted the mystery of life and death to surround them all in a silent family embrace. This family embrace expressed the unity of both the "Petrine" and the "Marian dimensions" of our Catholic Church. In this season between the Resurrection and Pentecost, we observe in the readings how the early Christian Church is forming. Certainly there were "governance issues." We might talk of the 'Petrine' dimension given the primary role of Peter and the apostles. But this cannot be the only dimension. The Church is not a type of machine functioning according to plan; just another corporate organisation, albeit ecclesiastical. We need a heart! We are the Body of Christ! We are to ponder and treasure the life, death, resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit of Jesus, the Son of God, in our midst. Eminent theologians call this the "Marian dimension" of the Church. It is Mary, the Mother of God, who is the prime example of this dimension. Hence, we call it "Marian". We think of Mary in a special way in this month of May. Both the Petrine and Marian dimensions are needed in the Church, like two lungs of the one body. In these times of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are concerned about the health of the world and its future. Perhaps the Church's most sublime role in these times is to "embrace" the world, like this wonderful grandmother, to give it hope and strength.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
**Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**

**MASS AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL & CONFESSION TIMES: (No Masses at St Peter Chanel's at Yarralumla due to temporary Maintenance being carried out)**

**SUNDAY**

8.00am Mass

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass (livestream)

5.30pm

6.30pm

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**St Christopher's Cathedral only**

*Mass times and liturgies will be reviewed weekly*

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

7.30am Mass

12.15pm Mass (live-stream)

5.00pm Mass

**SATURDAY**

9.00am Mass (live-stream)

12.15pm Mass

**Wednesday: 11.00am—11.30pm**

**Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm**

**Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon**

# 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](mailto:chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au)

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 18 May St John 1, pope, martyr  
Tue 19 May Episcopal Ordination of  
Archbishop Christopher  
Prowse (2003)  
Wed 20 May St Bernardine of Siena,  
Priest  
Thu 21 May St Christopher Magal-  
lanes, priest & compan-  
ions, martyrs  
Fri 22 May St Rita of Cascia, religious  
Sat 23 May 6th Sunday of Easter  
Sun 17 May The Ascension of the Lord

**Group gatherings in recess for  
the moment**

**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 Archdioce-  
san 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**

## Latest Covid-19 Protocols

### **Cathedral Masses— Mon-Fri, 7:30am, 12.15pm and 5.30pm**

In accordance with government restrictions, only 10 people are permitted in the church at any one time. Each Mass **must** be limited to 10 parishioners or less. Please email the parish office to see what Masses might be possible to attend. Bookings are essential at least one day prior to the date you want to attend. Call 6239 9846 or email [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) **before** 4.30pm Mon-Fri. \*Please consider attending one Mass only per week, that others parishioners may have an opportunity to do the same. Physical distancing rules still apply.

### **Reconciliation - St Christopher's Cathedral only :**

Wednesday: 11.00am—11:30pm;

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm;

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon.

\*Protocols will be reviewed daily, that we might get back to a regular sacramental program as soon as is safe and possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Heart to Heart eSeminar**—Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse for this 10 part live-streamed eSeminar as he leads you to enter more deeply into your relationship with Christ during this time of isolation.  
<https://youtu.be/l1Fc0Wc3m8kHeart>

**Distribution of bulletins and notices:** The parish office has been emailing Parishioners who have supplied their email addresses for the weekend Parish bulletin. Please ask your fellow parishioners if they are receiving the parish bulletin and if not, to contact the parish office with their email address. Anyone not receiving the bulletin can email the Parish office on [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au). Hard copies of the bulletin are left each Friday afternoon at St Peter Chanel's inside Our Lady's Grotto. Please take one home and take a copy for someone you know who doesn't have access to the internet.

**Planned giving Envelopes:** If you can't make financial contributions to the Parish electronically, please call the office to organise dropping off your Planned Giving envelope on 6239 9846.

### **Youth Ministry Programs from our Parish Youth Minister, Chiara:**

#### **Primary School Students**

- Worksheets available for you to print out to reflect on Sunday as you watch mass.
- When we return we'll be starting a youth group that will run around the context of Sunday 9:30am Mass at St Peter Chanel's. We would really appreciate your input on this (what time it should run, etc) You can do this here: <https://forms.gle/MqE8V2wpopmqDX8R7>

#### **High School students**

- **ALPHA every Tuesday 7pm-8pm on Zoom.** This is open to all senior students years 10-12 and it's a combined effort with youth ministers and their students from all over Canberra schools and parishes. If you want to meet new people, have fun and talk about more of those deeper questions? Then here is a video to see what it's all about. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3NBFjJDOil> see the bulletin for more info.
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- See you Tuesday 7pm!! Here is the link <https://zoom.us/j/99139267513>
- Meeting ID: 991 3926 7513
- When restrictions are lifted we will be running an event series for high school students to gather with friends, and hear from some great speakers with the opportunity for Q and A on topics that are important to you. So stay tuned for this!

#### **Young adults and professionals**

- Bible study is continuing **every Thursday night 6:30-7:30 on Zoom.** Join 'Canberra Cathedral Young Adults' on Facebook to keep updated on all these events.
- This month we'll be starting some online inputs and Q & A with Fr Trenton. Stay-tuned for more info to come very soon.

## OTHER NEWS

**Mass will be live streamed daily** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Monday to Friday at 12:15pm, Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 11:00am. For daily reminders emails: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

### 'Spiritual Communion'

For various reasons throughout the Church's history the faithful have been prevented from receiving the Eucharist in the Mass. Many of the great Saints made an act of spiritual communion when this was the case. The Church encourages us to make such an act where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen***



### QKR! AT SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

*Is carrying cash no longer your style?*

Join us in our trialing of Qkr! Similar to swiping your phone at an EFTPOS Machine you can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to our parish community. Payments for 1<sup>st</sup> (Clergy) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish) are listed. Please ensure you include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Parish Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number on 62399846. Caritas Project Compassion is also currently listed under "Special Appeals". Details of the Appeal are listed within the App payment description. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn Catholic Development Fund, with the assistance of the Commonwealth Bank and Mastercard, Sydney.



### How to still contribute financially to St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

As our churches are not open for Masses due to Corona Virus, our weekend collections are not being taken up. If you would like to contribute to the First Collection, you can make a direct transfer from your bank account.

**The First collection** is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend; the support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor; Priests in remote dioceses across Australia; Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

BSB:	062-786	Account Name:	CATHEDRAL
Bank Account:	000029248	Reference:	FORREST & SURNAME

**The Second collection**, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. The second collection funds are used for the day to day running of our parish. That is to pay for the repairs, wages, insurance, utilities and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning. If you would like to give towards the Parish expenses 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

### IN THESE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

<http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>

### May - Mary's Month: *Memorare*

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.*

*Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*

**Please visit [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au) for more resources, prayers and news.**



### *Reach out, We do care and Love you.*

So often we can feel isolated and alone, and these days during the lockdown this terrifying feeling can consume us even more. This is important to our parish and wider community, you are not alone, you are loved. **Need to talk? 02 616226100.** Or visit <https://catholiccare.cg.org.au/> Crisis support lines 24/7 Lifeline 13 11 14—Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467—Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800—Men's Line Australia 1300 78 99 78—Family Drug Support 1300 368 186

**Webinars**—Please consider taking part in two webinars about **Laudato Si**, the encyclical **On Our Common Home**, a key focus in the Pope's personal Christian ministry across the world, and what it means for us all. The webinars will be at 6-7 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May to help mark the Vatican's **Laudato Si** week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what **Laudato Si** is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday. Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South, the webinars **On Our Common Home** reach out particularly to towns and parishes affected by drought and bushfires, as well as those in Canberra. Please let other parishioners know. Express interest/RSVPs. Email [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or Phone/Text 0428 625 110.

### We pray for...

**Those who are ill:** Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Katarina Kish, Mary Brennan

**Anniversaries of death:** Frank Brennan, Monica Cooper, Carla Pastrello, Peg O'Hehir, Jane Jennings, Stanley & Mollie Jones, Fr Viv Morrison, Alma Sainsbury, Jack Delaney, Kathleen Bennett, Frances Riordan, Allan Read, Max Bradley, Jean Sunner, Mary O'Brien, Mary Hehir, Jennifer Gowing, David Crossin, Sr Leonie Crotty, Peter Xavier, Michael Rheinberger, Marcus Mumford, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret Gillespie, Sandra Altrin, Robert Porra, Carmel Pickard, Thomas Clowry

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Mary Agnes, Colleen Cotter, Keith McLaughlin, Peter Becker, Regina Paredes, Hilda Quinones, Shirley Evans, Josip Persic, Don Furner, Henry Tabisz, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rod Frazer, 4 children killed at Oatlands, Roberto Emilio, Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith,

**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:** *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

**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,*

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### First Reading

**Acts 8:5-8. 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Second Reading

**1 Pt 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

### Gospel Reading

**Jn 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'