

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

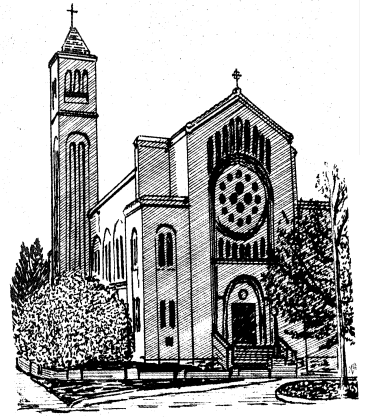
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Ascension of the  
Lord

— Year B

12/13 May 2018

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG  
Administrator: Fr Warrick Tonkin  
Assistant Priest: Fr Andrew Lotton  
St Peter Chanel's Church: Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ



## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux  
Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

**Sunday:** 8.00am,  
11.00am (sung),  
5.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 9.30am

## Weekday Mass

### St Christopher's

**Monday to Saturday:** 12.15pm

**Tuesday to Friday:** 7.30am

### 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:** 12.45—1.15pm

**Thursday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 11.00am - 12noon

### St Peter Chanel's

**Tuesday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Baptisms

**St Christopher's:** Second and  
fourth Sundays, 12.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** Third Sun-  
day, 10.30am

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday  
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:**  
By arrangement

### PARISH OFFICE

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Monday to Friday, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm—Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor

Online Payments Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

## MOTHER'S DAY

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. At this time we pray for all mothers, living and deceased, especially our own mothers.

Our reflection could embrace the following thoughts:

### "TO THE MOTHERS WHO ARE"

*"To the mothers who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.  
To the mothers who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.*

*To the mothers who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the mothers who adopted those children and showered them with love.*

*To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.*

*To those who knew they never wanted children, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.*

*To those who mothered colleagues, neighbours, and anyone who needed it.*

*To those remembering mothers no longer with us.*

*To those moving forward from mothers who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.*

*Today is a day to honour the unyielding love and care for others we call 'motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves."*

(Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church)

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Parish Pastoral Council

### Parish Finance Council

Fr Warrick Tonkin

### Director of Music

Jaki Kane

### Liturgy Rosters

Cecilia Flores & Scott Pobihun

### RCIA

Fr Warrick Tonkin

### School of Religion

Roby Joshua

### Accounts

Karina Widjaja

### St Vincent de Paul

*Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community*

### Young Adults

*Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation*

*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC*

### 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

### African Community

*Second Sunday of the month at  
11.45am SPC*

### Spanish Community

*First Sunday of the month at  
11.30am SPC*

### Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at  
5.00pm SPC  
(April Mass cancelled. Next  
Mass TBA)*

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

## Annual Clergy Assembly—Galong

All the Clergy of the Archdiocese will be attending the Annual Clergy Assembly this coming week. This is the primary opportunity for the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese to engage in professional development. As a result there will be **NO 7:30am Mass this coming Tues, Wed & Thurs**. The 12.15pm Mass will still be celebrated by one of our retired priests.

***Confirmation Mass will be on 20 May, 11am — Pentecost Sunday. Seats will be reserved for Candidates, Sponsors and their families in the front half of the Cathedral.***

**First Reconciliation** Program starts 22 May. <http://cg.org.au/cathedral> to enroll or contact the Parish office.

**First Holy Communion** Program starts 31 July.

**Welcome to Fr Andrew Lotton**, new Cathedral Assistant Priest. Fr Andrew comes from Weston Creek parish and is on loan from Perth Archdiocese.

**Thank you to all who contributed to Project Compassion and the Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.** Totals so far are:

Project Compassion—\$9121.90

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal—\$6816.65

### St Peter Chanel's Garden Beds.

You may have noticed the sad state of the gardens as many plants have been neglected and died over the last 6 months. Pieter and Sheila van Gent have tried to keep up the watering of SPC's garden beds and pots, as no one is employed to look after them since Marymead has taken over. So, here is an opportunity and invitation for St Peter Chanel's parishioners to contribute with this simple task: turn taps on when you arrive before mass and turn taps off after mass when you depart. A watering roster is being drawn up. Can you help? Twelve (12) parishioners are invited to become part of this church community activity. Contact Susan Page, phone 0412 926 360

***Prayers for the Sick: The list of names of people who are ill is possibly out of date. The old list has been deleted. If you would like your name or a relative/friends name on the list, please contact this office for a name to be published. Please seek permission from the ill person to have their names published. Contact the Parish office by email: [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au) or call 6239 9846.***

## OTHER NEWS

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity**—Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé. 13 May, 5.30-6.30pm Weston Creek Unity Church, Parkinson St, Weston. This is an ecumenical group of Christians - Uniting Church, Catholic, Anglican and other Christian churches. The service follows the same quiet form of prayers, songs, Scripture readings and silent meditation as used in the monastery in Taizé, France. The prayer will be followed by Supper. Everyone is welcome, of any denomination or none. Info: CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net or Annemarie 0421 492 554.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy**—13 May for Fatima Day. Pauline Fathers Monastery, "Penrose Park" near Berrima. Coach departs from Woden Interchange, Platform 18 @ 7.00am, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin @ 7.10am, St Joseph's Church, O'Connor @ 7.30am. For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

**Loreto Federation**—18-20 May. The Ex-Students of Loreto Normanhurst are celebrating the 30th gathering of Loreto Federation. The program for the weekend, will engage, challenge and inspire participants. Booking form : [www.loretofederation.sydney](http://www.loretofederation.sydney) or Email: [federation@loretonh.nsw.edu.au](mailto:federation@loretonh.nsw.edu.au)

**Catechists Professional Development**—19 May, Hayden Hall, 55 Franklin St, Forrest. 10am–1pm including a shared lunch. Contact [matt.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:matt.ransom@cg.org.au) or 6239 8500 for more details

**A Pilgrim's Walking Retreat – The Carcoar Camino** - 18-20 May. Two day retreat, 3.00pm following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. Cost: \$190 (Includes all meals and accommodation). Ph:63673058. Em: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) Online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

**L'Arche Card Day**—21 May. Canberra Bowling Club Hobart Ave, Forrest, 10am-2pm. Cost \$25 (tea, coffee, lunch, wine or juice included). RSVP by 14 May. Contacts: Mary - 6258 1739 or Di 62412658.

**RSCM Lunch Time Organ Recital:** Mary Anne Neilsen will give an organ recital at St Paul's Manuka on Thursday 24th May at 12.30 pm. The recital features music by Bach, Alain, Vierne and Durufle. Entry is by donation to the RSCM.

**Legion of Mary recruitment & Information Session.** Sat. 26 May, 2 pm, St Brigid Parish Hall, Bancroft Street, Dickson. Calling all men and women of faith and courage to undertake spiritual works of mercy, for example: home visitations, proclaiming the Good News, leading rosary recitations, circulating pilgrim statues of Our Lady, and other works for God under the banner of Our Lady. Mary's answer was 'YES' to the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38), what is yours? MARY WANTS YOU. Queries to Marie Lazaro 0405 669022 or Robert Sharf 0438 436524.

**Spirit Retreat 2018** - 27 May. Come together and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Spirit is a retreat for youth and young adults beginning at 12:00pm at St Benedict's Narrabundah. Visit [cgyouthministry.org.au/retreat](http://cgyouthministry.org.au/retreat) for more information.

**Greta Bradman 'Home' Concert**—15 June, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets \$57/Conc. \$50. Booking [www.gretabradman.com](http://www.gretabradman.com) or by calling (02) 9266 4034

**Marian Procession** - 14 Oct. Save the Date - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana will be leading those gathered on this special day.

**Catholic Voice, May Edition**— there are a number of stories to celebrate Mother's Day on May 13. National ANZAC Day Mass photos are included, while the Marian Procession and Oz Rosary 53 articles are sure to be of interest to readers. In the centre pages you will see a number of advertisements highlighting the enrolment period of some of our high schools.

### We pray for...

**Those to be married:** Damian Parrello & Hmwe ThetWin

**Those to be baptised:** Cohen Harrison, Lorenzo Madaffari, Adriano Jayamanne,

**Those who are ill:** Pam Brown, Reg Chapman, Rod Duncan, Rodger Mychailuk, Bruce Kennedy, Maria Walker, Bob Howatson, Cora Murphy

**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

**Recently Deceased:** Adele Strycharski, Dorothy Donnellan, Angelo Pezzella, Paul Griffin, Kylie Carroll, Charles Ryan, Kathleen Bramley, Michael Diaz, John Beath, Flora Vicencio, Guerriero Spagnolo, Michelina DeAngelis, Mattia Nappi, Annunziata Palombi, Portia McCusker, Edeltraud (Trudy) Unger, Pandiyeth Thomas Mathai, Harry Savery, Maria Sanz, Joan Millard, Carlos Sullivan,

## Readings of the Day – The Ascension of the Lord —Year B

### First Reading

**Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Second Reading

**Eph 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel Reading

**Mk 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	12/13 May	19/20 May	12/13 May	19/20 May
6.00pm (SPC)	Margaret McKinnon Felicity de Fombelle	Cecilia Flores Scott Pobihun	Any available EMHC	Judy Blundell Frances Bulbrook
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Assigned	Kristina Faigl Jessica Neubeck	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Lynn Chan	Jaye Longland Colliss Parrett	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Ceciley Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell	Bronwen Grey Ceciley Matthews	Ceciley Matthews Lionel D'Cruze	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
5.30pm (SCC)	Youth Mass	Marcelle Disayanake Damien Balachandran	Elizabeth Young	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

**St Christopher's Cathedral Parish encompasses the areas of Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla**