

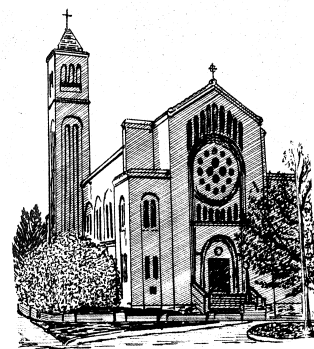


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

7th Sunday Ordinary
Time-Year A
19th February 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER

8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

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

Eye for an Eye, Tooth for a Tooth

Jesus' words scandalised many who heard them. His teaching was radical, shocking even. Yet perhaps not for reasons first thought. Jesus repeats, more than once: 'You have heard it said... but I say to you...!'

Where however had they heard it said? The Torah (also called the Pentateuch). The highest authority. Nothing less than God's enshrined Teaching, now given to His people! No wonder the Pharisees (and others) were out to destroy Jesus! How offensive! Who could speak in such a way? Who, but the *One* Who Himself is the Eternal Word; the Author of the Torah – the Law now Incarnate.

Yet it's not scandal that Jesus seeks to bring. But rather, depth and life. He neither abrogates nor destroys the law. He comes to *intensify* it. Jesus now places flesh on the bones, so to speak. An identity is now given, not written on stone, but upon the human heart!

And why? Because the human person is God's living Image! Not what we do (or don't do), but who we are. You are made for more. As we hear this morning: "You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Cor 3:23)

The Law is enshrined not on any superficial level (as in Pharisaic minds), but now within the human heart. Jesus evokes then: 'be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect!'

Jesus reveals that the human person is not created for mediocrity. Yet so many settle for just that. How often have we heard, with a nervous laugh: "Well I haven't committed adultery! I haven't killed anyone this week!" When the Christian adopts this attitude, not only do they miss the point, they fail to fulfil the law. And slowly, in apathy, they become less and less like God. Indeed, quickly they become their own god; determining even life and its value. Soon, even euthanasia is couched in a wayward human mind, as 'merciful'.

Jesus says: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. ... 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." These teachings are radical. Jesus is calling us to not simply keep the Commandments, but to go beyond them. Of course, do not kill... but go further still, give life! Love your enemies, pray for them, and forgive them....

Now we begin to see how radical Christianity is, when *truly* lived. In a Word, Jesus commands, become like your God... more and more in His Likeness, the Image which you already bear.

Fr Trenton.



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 20 7th Week of Ord. Time
Tues. Feb 21 7th Week of Ord. Time
Wed. Feb 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs. Feb 23 Thurs after Ash
Wednesday
Fri. Feb 24 Fri after Ash Wednesday
Sat. Feb 25 Sat after Ash Wednesday
Sun. Feb 26 1ST SUNDAY of
LENT

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.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 22 February 2023

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

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. Confirmation 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.

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. 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— 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&** or via the QR code



CATHEDRAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY— we invite you to join in a Lenten Bible study based on the book, 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen. We will begin by reflecting on the **Prologue and Introduction, Monday 27 February 7pm in the Haydon Hall.** Copies of the book are available in the Book Store and additional copies have been ordered. All are welcome - any questions, contact the Parish Office: cathedral@cg.org.au

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION— Held each Saturday 4.30pm in St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Yarralumla. In the simplicity of the prayer of Christian Meditation we prepare, in stillness and silence, to be at peace with ourselves so that we are capable of appreciating the peace of the God who dwells within our own heart. Newcomers are welcome, or enquire: Rod/Susan Page, 0401 731 918.



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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);
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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 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.

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES— Be inspired, refreshed & 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, sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23> or go to BruceDownes.org for more info

Parish Secretary Position—Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong, a permanent position Mon-Fri. Essential requirements: experience with financial & database packages, strong communication & organizational skills, ability to work on your own & part of a team, understanding & respect of the Catholic Church and its teachings. Please contact the office: 6291 6688/ tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications close 24th February 2023.



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.

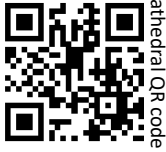
We pray for...

Those who are ill: 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: Hayden Marsh, 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,

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time –Year A — 18/19 February



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in you salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

First Reading

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be Holy, for I, the Lord you God, am holy. “You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance , nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: the Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all you servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. ‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

READERS ROSTER FEBRUARY

Lectors

Mass	18/19 Feb	25/26 Feb		
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Becky Langworthy	Crystal Lavien Ruth Meadows		
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Mike Nash	Fiona Wheeler Tarinya Hannedege		
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Maria Noronha Marcelle Disanayake	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Jacqui Ramesh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway		
5.00pm (SCC)	Kevin Woods Francilia Gomes	Solange Pereira Becky Langworthy		

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