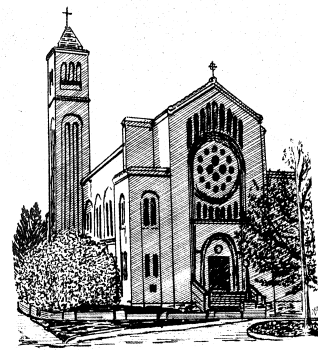




St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Ascension of the Lord
Year A
21st May 2023

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

PARISH OFFICE

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

Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

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

ASCENSION AND CARE FOR CREATION

At first glance, it might not seem that these two themes are necessarily connected. The Ascension of Jesus is a matter of heaven: Jesus returns to his Father, he takes his place at his right hand interceding for the Church, the apostles are told by angels that Christ will return to us in the same way as he left us. It is the end of an era, Jesus is still with us but not as he was before. The Church celebrates Jesus' guidance, his intercession and perhaps most importantly we long for our going to him and his return to us.

On a day focused upon heaven, why bring forward matters of the earth?

It is telling, that the angel asks the apostles why they are looking into the sky, implying that they should be doing something else. Our hope is in heaven, but our responsibilities are here on earth. God calls us to action here and now, so that we might win our place in heaven. For a Christian the world should not take first place in our heart, but it should be appropriately valued. The earth is our heritage, the Bible teaches us that we were created from it, it is the place where we encountered God, and it is the place where future generations will come to know God. For a Catholic we must care for our Earth the same way that we care for and support our churches.

We do this, not out of the hope of restoring a lost paradise but out of the hope of providing a place of encounter with God.

On this Sunday of the Ascension let us pray for our world, that when Jesus returns to us He will find our care for each other and our common home pleasing.

Fr. Alex



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 22	Monday of the 7th week of Easter
Tues May 23	Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter
Wed May 24	Our Lady help of Christians
Thu. May 25	Thursday of the 7th week of Easter
Fri. May 26	Friday of the 7th week of Easter
Sat. May 27	St Philip, Neri Saturday of the 7th week of Easter
Sun. May 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.



SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL— Since the announcement of the ACT Government intending to compulsorily acquire the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, Archbishop Christopher Prowse has established the “*Calvary Hospital Taskforce*” led by Fr Tony Percy. You can show your support by signing the online petition at www.savecalvary.com.au before **31 May 2023**, when it is intended the legislation for acquisition becomes effective.

“Let us pray for common sense to prevail and that the sick and Hospital staff are saved from anxiety and can live in health and peace”
- Archbishop Christopher Prowse of Canberra & Goulburn

PRAYER VIGIL FOR CALVARY HOSPITAL— Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites you all to a Prayer Vigil for Calvary Hospital at St Christopher’s Cathedral **Wednesday May 24 beginning at 7.30pm**. The evening will include a decade of the Rosary, Benediction, songs of worship and short inputs from Archbishop Prowse and Fr Tony Percy. Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis, Greek Orthodox and Rev David Campbell, ACT Churches Council & St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church will join us.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY— Friday dinner **30 June to 4pm** Saturday **1 July**. In the peaceful rural setting of St Clement’s retreat centre Galong, this is a time of talks by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other speakers to help a person discern a call to priesthood/religious life. Rsvp required by 23 June to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472. Cost \$50 (concessions available).

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH— **30th May!** Haydon Hall, **7pm-9pm**. Please join us as we continue to explore the topic, “Faith and Controversy”. Our next session will discuss “Faith and Gender Identity” with **James Parker** - A British-born Catholic convert from Western Australia who is passionate about the godly restoration of men and women. All are welcome!



Women’s Eucharistic Retreat Day—All women are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia at St John Vianney Primary School, Waramanga, for a retreat day on 24 June. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost \$20) Tickets are available <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYG1>

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023— Support older women facing homelessness in the ACT & surrounding region. This winter, Vinnies are aiming to raise \$400,000. These funds will provide emergency accommodation, food, clothing, medical costs and more. Please donate this Winter. Call 13 18 12 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— 1st Reconciliation classes start **Thurs 1 June, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel’s Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info. 1st Reconciliation will take place on Wed 28 June 2023 at 6pm. First Eucharist starts 27 July for 20 August.



NOTICES

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 cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

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ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST— with Catholic Author, Speaker and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. **Tuesday 23 May, 7am-8:45am**, Haydon Hall **Cost:** \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110

Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner—Tuesday 23 May 6:45 pm Join us as Catholic author and theologian - Christopher Padgett - speaks on the vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. **All welcome— Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.** **Venue:** Veritas Building, ACU Watson. **Enquiries:** Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869 **Registration:**<http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

LAUDATO SI WEEK (16-24 May) — The theme for 2023 is **Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity** . The Archdiocese will launch its draft Laudato Si action plan at 11am Sunday Mass in the Cathedral on 21-May. The draft is available at <https://cgatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> and aims to encourage and enable actions plans by parishes, schools and other bodies. The draft Plan will be finalised in September 2023. (LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com)

SPIRITUALITY MORNINGS—“ *The Sacred Journey of Spiritual Transformation* ” 5 Part Series commencing on **MONDAY 5th JUNE 10am to 12 noon** at the Sisters of Mercy Community Centre, Townsend St. Phillip. Please contact Sr. Lorraine to Register or for further information. Email: lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com

CALL FOR READERS— you are invited to volunteer at St Christopher's Cathedral & St Peter Chanel masses. Sat **5pm** (SCC), **6pm** (SPC), Sun **8am & 5pm** (SCC) & **9:30am** (SPC). Training provided. Please contact our Readers Roster Coordinators at scc.spc.readers@gmail.com



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 to be baptised: Basil Abdel-Massih, Adaline Jolley, Angelina Domitrovic, Ivy McCoy

Those to be married: Frances Little & Michael Lazarus

Those who are ill: Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: David Langworthy, Gael Armour, Mary June Slocum, Alyssa Henley, Judy Cummins, 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, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Katarina Kish, Rita O'Connor, Stephen Brooks

Recently Deceased: Theresa Harris, Fr Bob Maguire, Cyrus Kaucz, John Boyd-Boland OFM, Laurence Mooney OSA, Brian Johnston CSsR, Patricia Steele, Carmen Chavez, Fr Michael Brillantes, Medardo Balmedada, Agnes Shea, James Goldrick, Karen Lang, Eric Barros,

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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: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia

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

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

READERS ROSTER MAY				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	20/21 May	27/28 May	20/21 May	27/28 May
5.00pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	Les Buszynski Becky Langworthy		
6.00pm (SPC)	Tarinya Hannedege Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Dione Smith Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Wanda Kaucz Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Cecilia Flores	Leeann Galloway Bianca Goh	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebecca O'Meagher Anthony Brierley	Francilia Gomes Lynette Yap		

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