

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



## Baptism of the Lord

— Year A

11/12 Jan 2020

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**Parish Secretary:** Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

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

**Sunday:** 8.00am,  
11.00am (sung) & cuppa  
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:** 11.30am—12.00pm

**Thursday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 11.00am - 12noon

### St Peter Chanel's

**Tuesday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Adoration & Benediction

### St Christopher's:

Friday weekly 5-6pm.

Adoration: First Friday of the  
month 12.45-2pm.

Holy Hour & Benediction for discernment of Priestly vocations:  
1st Thurs of the month 7-8pm

## Baptisms

**St Christopher's:** 2nd & 4th  
Sundays, 12.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** 3rd  
Sun, 10.30am

## Weddings

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

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

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,

The profound concern and desire of so many to support those suffering in these days has been overwhelming. In times like these we begin to see once more what it is that really matters. Each other. So many have already lost so much from the fires and as we know, the affects will go far deeper than the physical; but the response of you, the Church, on a local and national level has been terrific. But of course we are far from the end.

We grieve at the news of the lives claimed by these horrific fires. In the Archdiocese parishes are directly linking up with families and communities who have been affected. The prayerful and practical response of parishes has been profound. Our parish initially contributed \$5,000.00 directly to a family in Bodalla, a small town on the South Coast, who has lost everything; but our support must and *will* continue.

To this end the Cathedral parish of Saint Peter Chanel's and Saint Christopher's will have a **collection after each Mass this weekend**, the funds will go directly to the families in our Archdiocese who have been affected. **Tap machines this weekend will also be available to receive donations.** Of course we can still donate though the Saint Vincent de Paul Bushfire appeal to help the wider communities affected.

In a time which can be very difficult and draining, emotionally, psychologically and physically, especially for those who continue to live through this nightmare, let us remain united, confident and powerful in letting our brothers and sisters know that they are surrounded by prayers and love. Let us pray for each other and of course... for rain.

Let's work together as best we can and may all whose lives have changed so dramatically in these weeks know of the prayers, love and practical support of so many. Thank you for your continued generosity.

May a happy, fruitful and holy year lay ahead!

Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia. *Pray for us.*

Always know of your priests' gratitude and prayers for you.

*Fr Trenton*

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

**RCIA**—Fr Trenton van Reesch  
*Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm*

### School of Religion

#### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 13 Jan St Hilary, bishop, doctor  
Tue 14 Jan 1st week in Ord. time  
Wed 15 Jan 1st week in Ord. time  
Thu 16 Jan 1st week in Ord. time  
Fri 17 Jan St Anthony, abbot  
Sat 18 Jan 1st week in Ord. time  
Sun 19 Jan 2nd week in Ord. time

#### 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 Archdiocesan  
life through prayer and event  
participation*

*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible  
Sharing/Fellowship SCC  
Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177*

#### 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  
Office.**

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR VICTIMS AND RELIEF FROM THE FIRES

Our prayers of sadness and grief for those who are suffering the fires, and for those who have died, are always tempered by the hope that we bear as Christians. The consolation and love promised us by Jesus is a beacon of hope to all those who suffer. Join us in prayer and solidarity with all those who are suffering and who have already lost so much. We pray for rain to quench our dry land and the fires which continue to threaten.

**3-5pm Sundays in January, Saint Christopher's Cathedral.** Adoration. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosaries & prayer intentions. All are most welcome.

**HOLY HOUR:** From February 2020, Holy Hour will commence at the Cathedral from Tuesday to Friday 5pm to 6pm daily. "What I really prefer is adoration in the evening, even when I get distracted and think of other things, or even fall asleep praying. In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration." "If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." Pope Francis

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—Theme: How is

God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic; 6.30-9pm:

**21 Jan 2020**, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrester ACT.



### ATTENTION:

#### Call for Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council.

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to be a delegate from our Archdiocese? Submit your Expression of Interest by speaking with Fr Trenton or Father Norvin. Expressions of Interest are due by noon, **25th January 2020**. Contact by emailing the Parish Office.

Any person expressing an interest **must** be available for **one** of the Preparation and formation days in: **Melbourne:** (Thursday 5.00pm 18 June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 20 June 2020). **Brisbane:** (Thursday 5.00pm 25 June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 27 June 2020). **Sydney:** (Thursday 5.00pm 16 July 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 18 July 2020). **Perth:** (Thursday 5.00pm 23 July 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm 25 July 2020).

The **Plenary Council General Assembly 1** will be held on Sunday 2.00pm 4 October 2020 – Sunday 12.00 11 October 2020. And the **Plenary Council General Assembly 2**, on Monday 12.00pm 28 June 2021 – Saturday 12.00 3 July 2021.

#### Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

**Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.**

## OTHER NEWS

**CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING —3**  
February, 12.30pm, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. The guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in outback Australia. New members and visitors most welcome.

**SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—20-22**  
– March 2020—weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Through keynote talks and workshops, mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & quality sisterhood, women are given the opportunity to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ & develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages of life. Registration Ticket - \$270 including meals & accommodation. Tickets can be purchased via [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au).

**Emmaus Journey —“They recognised him in the breaking of the bread”** (Luke 24:35) Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Presenter Father Pat Corbett C.Ss.R. This retreat is designed for people in the ‘second half of life’. A gentle four day experience of wholeness and wellbeing. Ensuite room \$550, shared facilities \$450. Contact Saint Clements Retreat Centre 02 6380 5222, or <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/emmaus-journey/>

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL** - Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the famous letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 10N pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala for an all-inclusive Land Package price of \$4490 + Tips. The fare includes Entrances & Sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 3N Cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: 12th May 2020 and 20th Oct 2020. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

**TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** —Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au). All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

**KARINYA HOUSE:** supporting women and babies in crises pregnancies. Please consider financially supporting by becoming a ‘Friend of Karinya’ today. [www.karinyahouse.asn.au](http://www.karinyahouse.asn.au)

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. — Pope Francis  
*Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

### Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.  
Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new. May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the “desert blooms with the life that lies in wait.” We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.



**Tap & Go PayWave Machine** to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

#### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Stefano Jayamanne, Penelope Harrison, Ivy Howe

**Those who are ill:** Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Katarina Kish

**Anniversaries of death:** Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fener, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini,

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano, Rosalie Novak, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson, John Arganese, Antonio Russo,

## Readings of the Day – Baptism of the Lord —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.*

### First Reading

**Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### Second Reading

**Acts 10:34-38**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### Gospel Reading

**Mt 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Geraldene Ford	Sheila van Gent Wanda Kaucz	Any available EMHC	Frances Bulbrook
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Kristina Faigl	Assigned Mineke Peerboom	Phillip Pocick Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Lynn Chan	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Gabrielle Wright	Ceciley Matthews Kathryn Ruston	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
5.30pm (SCC)	Youth Mass	Leeann Galloway Jacob Madden	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	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