



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Solemnity of the
Baptism of the Lord
Year C -
9 Jan 2021

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Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.00pm **Note new time*

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 12.15pm

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-12.00noon

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

Tuesday 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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan by John, which we celebrate on this 3rd Sunday after Christmas, is a significant revelatory moment for the Christian and indeed every human person. It is a moment which instigates a change in the relationship between Creator and creature, between, God and his people.

Many would ask the question, *why would Jesus be baptised?* Baptism, after all, is for the forgiveness of sins. And they'd be right! Yet while without sin, Jesus was baptised. Indeed he insisted upon it. Why?

Jesus' baptism is the heart of the Mystery of who you and I are. On the feast of Jesus' baptism, the words of Saint Augustine echo for me. "Let us rejoice... and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself."

Baptism washes away our original sin and even more mesmerizingly, binds us to Jesus *living* Body. It is not symbolic then, but ontological.

John's baptism was a powerful call to interior repentance, and Jesus had no need to repent. Yet though this baptism, the mystery of the God who comes to us, of the God who *is* love, is made manifest and His plan inaugurated.

Jesus affirms all John has said, as well as his role of preparing the way for Jesus and the new period of grace. However, what is more truly manifests in this moment, is the fact that Jesus unites himself to His people, now in One Body. Taking the wage and consequence of our sin upon himself; Jesus is baptised as if he were the one who had sinned. Saint Paul writes: "he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 6:18).

Jesus' baptism therefore marks the greatest act of Love, indeed of Love Himself (1 Jn 4:8). And because of this we must live in joy! We have become Sons and Daughters of God! (Rom 8:17). The question is, do we live as sons and daughters!? Most of the time, the answer is no! Why?!

We are not made for *this* world, so why do we so often live as if we were.

As we enter Ordinary Time, recall the words of God the Father – now *our* Father – as Jesus is baptised. Hear Him speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. The Son who is united to you in every corner of your life; joys and struggles alike. We turn to Jesus, present to us in our baptism and in the sacraments; pre-eminently confession and the Eucharist. And we prepare ourselves to follow him and hold tight to every word he speaks (Mat 4:4). For he alone is a lamp for our feet, a light on our path (Ps 119:105). He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father – may we allow him to fulfil that mission in our own hearts every day of the year ahead.

With great affection and prayers, Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

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| Mon. | Jan 10 | 1st week Ordinary Time |
| Tues. | Jan 11 | 1st week Ordinary Time |
| Wed. | Jan 12 | 1st week Ordinary Time |
| Thurs. | Jan 13 | 1st week Ordinary Time <i>Saint Hilary, Bishop, doctor</i> |
| Fri. | Jan 14 | 1st week Ordinary Time |
| Sat. | Jan 15 | 1st week Ordinary Time <i>Mass of the BVM</i> |

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 5pm 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*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

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

COVID CAPACITY— restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are NOT required to attend Mass or the Sacraments.

- ◆ Facemasks MUST be worn in the Cathedral and St Peter's.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser is located at all entrances.
- ◆ All MUST use the **Check-in CBR App**. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

PARISH EMAIL DATABASE – We now email the bulletin as well as parish happenings. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please let us know at cathedral@cq.org.au

DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT — Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDERS — now available at the Catholic bookshop.

SECURITY ALERT – Some have received text or email messages purportedly from priests in the parish or archdiocese. Please know priests or any member of parish staff will never reach out in this way. Be suspicious of messages seeking 'urgent' unspecified assistance or making financial requests. These are scams.

CATHEDRAL GARDENER/TEAM – Seeking a gardener to assist in keeping the Cathedral gardens tidy, flourishing and welcoming! Please contact the parish office if interested.

Dear fellow parishioners,

Your finance committee would like to give a brief report on what your very appreciated donations to the 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our Parish churches has enabled us to do.

- Full external Painting of SCC
- Clean & Wax of marble Tiles at SCC
- New Tap Machines at both SCC & SPC (this has enabled parishioners and visitors an additional method of donation)
- Cleaning of external Brick work of SCC
- Roof Repairs at SCC
- Parish Room refurbishment at SPC
- Painting and recarpeting of SPC parish hall.
- Cont'ing major realignments of doors and refurbishment of original brass hinges at SCC.
- A full Capex Report for SCC and SPC commissioned to give the committee some formal advise of expected Capital Expenditure required in the coming years at these properties.

In 2022, we will begin implementing some of the recommendations for works required after advice on the above report. Our first improvement will be the installation of Security cameras at SCC.

We would like to sincerely thank all those Parishioners who have made the above possible through your very generous, regular contributions and hope that you can continue to contribute. We also encourage Parishioners to consider a regular contribution to the second collection so that we can continue to maintain and improve all of the properties within our Parish.

Kathryn Ruston (Chair), Wanda Kaucz and Peter Carrigy-Ryan

LAUDATO SI, ACTION PLATFORM - concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of 'integral ecology' as spoken of in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical.

Visit: laudatosiactionplatform.org/ and care4ourcommonhome.org/home. You are invited to join on the platform.

OTHER NEWS



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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers);
or Donation (by parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

You can also Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

A purpose-built secure parish app to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. 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/

Thank you for your generosity

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — ATT: Daily Mass Book 2022 - please check : If you are missing pages 64–91 please return to the Catholic Bookshop to exchange it for a new book. Shop located in St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Re-opens January 10th!

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING HOLIDAYS— REQUEST

Hours: Minimum 4 hours/ day (20 hours/holidays); Volunteer Period: now up to 31/01/22 (negotiable); Info: 0407 905 217, or volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au. vinnies.org.au/shops.



St Vincent de Paul Society
CANBERRA/GOULBURN
good works

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY— "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church has embarked on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. [Make a submission via an online portal, now open.](#) Make a 250 word submission at catholic.org.au/synodalchurch The diocesan consultation phase has been extended to the 15th August 2022. Dates and resources catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. We will also make a submission as a parish community.

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sightseeing, school trip and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or +61 451 734 334



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ARCHDIOCESE WOMEN'S TASKFORCE — Visit our website: womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA— The fruits of the first general assembly have been gathered together in a new report with dozens of proposals to shape the ongoing Plenary Council journey. Access this at: bit.ly/FirstAssembly

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22-26 JUNE 2022 — hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. The Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra, Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: Canberra, Eastern Deanery and Western Deanery. For more local information contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869 For general information see: www.romefamily2022.com

We pray for...

All those affected by the pandemic and struggling in these days...

Those to be married:

Those who are ill: Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

Anniversaries of death: Georgia Hurley, Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Helen Burt, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak, Rhys Summergreene, Margaret Riley, Julian Radjam

Recently Deceased: Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Denis Gilmour, Fr. Brendan Shannon, Fransiska Setiowati Silasudjana, Fr. Stan Barry CM, Sr M Andre Guthrie, Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning.



Cathedral QR code

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: *Oh, bless the Lord my soul.*

Gospel Acclamation: *John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

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

First Reading

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Second Reading

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Reading

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

| Lectors | | | | |
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| Mass | 8/9 Jan | 15/16 Jan | 22/23 Jan | 29/30 Jan |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman | Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman | Becky Langworthy Crystal Lavien | Crystal Lavien Becky Langworthy |
| 6.00pm (SPC) | Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle | Melissa Dixon Fiona Wheeler | Mike Nash Felicity de Fombelle | Dione Smith Fiona Wheeler |
| 8.00am (SCC) | Phil Pocock Dione Smith | Marcus Smith Louise Zavone | Marcus Smith Rebekah O'Meagher | Phil Pocock Louise Zavone |
| 9.30am (SPC) | Ruth Meadows Liz Porra | Dominic Chin Clarice Poh | Lynn Chan Gloria Osborne | Dominic Chin Clarice Poh |
| 11.00am (SCC) | Cecily Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell | Leanne Galloway Les Buszynski | Jacqui Ramesh Mark Hyman | Bronwen Grey Edwina Hyman |
| 5.00pm (SCC) | Lynette Yap Kristina Faigl | Becky Langworthy Kristina Faigl | Denise Fisher Denis Fisher | Annabelle Devitt Jacob Madden |