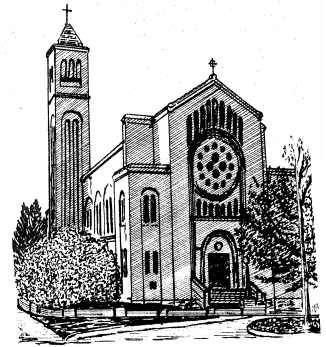


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Baptism of the Lord
Year B -
10 Jan 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias



Masses at St Christopher's will be offered with a maximum of 260 people present until further notice

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

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Lord's Baptism marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. In a way, it is a feast of transition, from the hidden life of Jesus to His public ministry. It is also closely linked as a feast of the Epiphany, manifesting Jesus' divinity to all peoples and His identity as the Son of the Father.

Jesus' baptism often confuses many, after all, baptism is for the forgiveness of sins. John himself baptised as a powerful call to interior repentance, and Jesus had no need to repent. However, Jesus insists on being baptised, why? Because in doing so the mystery of the God who comes to us, the mystery of the God who is love, is made manifest and His plan inaugurated.

Through accepting John's baptism, Jesus affirms all John has said; the deep need of repentance, as well as his role of preparing the way for Jesus and the new period of grace. Jesus baptism too was not a baptism by the waters, but rather one in which all the waters of this world are "baptised" by Him. Jesus sanctifies the waters of the earth and pours forth His grace, making all water the future source of salvation.

In this moment Jesus unites Himself to His people- now in *one* Body. And in doing so, he takes the wage of *our* sin upon Himself; baptised as if He were the one who had sinned. St 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 thus marks the greatest act of Love, indeed of *Love Himself*. And for this, friends, we have every reason to rejoice! The question is, do we rejoice!?

As we prepare for Ordinary Time, let us recall the words of the Father, as Jesus is baptised. Hear the Father 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 and 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 his Father- allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own heart every day of the year ahead. And in the words of Saint Augustine:

"Let us rejoice... and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself."

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father, the Saviour of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

Finally, thank you for your patience and joy during this uncertain and anxious last 12 months. It is in days such as these that the Christian instinct emerges. As a parish we have done exceptionally well in adapting to the 'new way' of doing things. We must *not* however, become complacent. Please be reminded of the COVID-19 protocols (found inside the bulletin) that are still in place to keep everyone safe. Please **ALWAYS RECORD YOUR NAME on the parish register**, and use the **CHECK-IN CNR APP** when entering the Cathedral or St Peter Chanel's. This is very important. Please do not remove the 'sit here' signs or elastic bands cordoning off pews; and if you do see them moved, please reposition them.

Let us pray, that as we enter 2021, the Joy and assurance of the God who dwells with us, may always be our guide and hope!

Father Trenton van Reesch
Cathedral Administrator

PARISH NEWS

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'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Thursday Evenings 6pm. Contact office . Resumes January 28th.

School of Religion

Watch this space for 2021 Sacramental program dates.

Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 11 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Tue 12 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Wed 13 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Thu 14 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Fri 15 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Sat 16 Jan Weekday of Ordinary Time

Sun 17 Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

*(primary school age)
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—
Resumes, February 2021*

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.**

LETS KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

DISRUPTIONS TO CATHEDRAL ENTRY: Scaffolding will be removed from the bell tower soon. Thank you for your continuing patience and flexibility. Please follow signs to enter and exit safely.

DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP: To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, we have introduced the "Check In Cbr" App. The App is free, download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. All data is secure, it saves time and you don't have to touch the pen! Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

YOUTH MINISTRY WRAP UP, 2020—leaflets which recount the wonderful year we've had in Youth and Young Adult Ministry last year, are located in Church entrances. As a parish we thank Chiara Catanzariti for her incredible leadership, dedication and passion in this area. Let us continue to keep our young people in prayer.

REQUEST FOR COVID MARSHALLS FOR WEEKEND MASSES — Thank you to those who have offered assistance. The parish office is seeking volunteers who can ensure the correct sign-in procedure is followed at Masses. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

NEW APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS: PATRIS CORDE - In *Patris corde*, the Pope describes St Joseph's qualities as a true husband and father, in whom "Jesus saw the tender love of God". http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

COLUMBAN CALANDERS- available for purchase at the Catholic bookshop.

LEGION OF MARY - MEETINGS—Mondays 5:30pm in the Haydon Hall: Live out your baptism, making the divine message of salvation known to all? Join the Legion of Mary in our parish! Legionaries are engaged in spiritual works of mercy, serving others and spreading God's message of salvation to others. Meetings recommence Monday 11 January For more info, contact Marija Babic on 0402 570 238.

OUR LADY'S PILGRIM STATUE HOME VISITATION 2021: The Legion of Mary invite you to have the pilgrim statue of Our Lady, visit your house in 2021. A wonderful way of introducing children to prayer and devotion to Jesus and His mother. The statue of Mary stays for a fortnight with prayers for the parish, for priests and the family provided. Please call Marija Babic on 0402 570 238.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—Thank you to all those who donated food and toys at the Christmas trees. Volunteers at SPC delivered 19 hampers to families in Yarralumla-Deakin. A meeting will be held in the parish room at SPC at 7:30pm on Monday, January 18 to reconstitute the local St Vincent de Paul conference. Any person post school is welcome. Contact John Smith 0408113690.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information: www.cg.org.au/
cathedral or contact Parish office
6239 9846.

OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Parish Collections: Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers— Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year . Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops

Canberra Catholic Bookshop - We are located in Manuka, just behind St. Christopher's Cathedral, where there is free parking in front of our building and lots of parking in the neighbourhood. We have an extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888



Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training—5 Wednesdays 17 Feb-17 Mar, 9am-5pm, Queanbeyan—Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. Costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Contact Susanne Schmidt 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

Engaged Encounter Retreat—20-21 Feb 2021. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Men's Cursillo Weekend—25 Mar 2021. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff (chantel1997@hotmail.com, 0451 013 772).

Safe Church Transport - A Transport Service that Provides a Companion. Do you or someone close to you wish to attend church but don't have the means or a companion to make it happen? CareTaxi is your answer. Your fulfilment is our blessing! Holy Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sightseeing, school trip and more; our qualified and caring drivers can assist you. Visit www.caretaxi.com.au, call +61 451 734 334 or email services@caretaxi.com.au.



A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Zaccheus Tankai

Those who are ill: Katarina Imsinovic, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono

Anniversaries of death: 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: Peter Theodore, Vera Canciani, Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbary, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic,

Readings of the Day – The Baptism of the Lord —Year B



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: *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. 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 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Second Reading

1 Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth—so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Gospel Reading

Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	9/10 Jan 2021	16/17 Jan 2021	
5.00pm (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Mark Hyman Ceciley Matthews	
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle	Fiona Wheeler Wanda Kaucz	
8.00am (SCC)	Assigned Liza Quinn	Marcus Smith Phillip Pocock	
9.30am (SPC)	Scott Pobihun Lynn Chan	Gloria Osborne Clarice Poh	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Leeann Galloway Ranee George	
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Theresa Ngozi Okwudike	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	

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