



Cathedral QR code

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Christ the King
Ordinary Time

Year A -
22 Nov 2020

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 maxi-
mum of 139 people present
until further notice

PARISH OFFICE

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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Dear parishioners and visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish.

We now enter the last week of Ordinary Time, with next Sunday marking a new liturgical year and the season of **Hope** with the beginning Advent and our preparation for the Birth of Christ, the *Light* and *Hope* of the world (John 8:12). On this last Sunday however, each year, the Church observes the **Feast of Christ the King**. This Solemnity has always inhabited the hearts of the faithful, but at the same time, it is one which in a sense remains relatively new. Formally promulgated in 1925 by Pius XI, the feast emerged as a *great reminder* to a world and people in a time of unprecedented turbulence and chaos. After 4 years, 3 months and 7 days, the 'Great War' had ended, but now its horrific, far-reaching repercussions were in full swing. Confusion and anxiety was all around. Hostilities between countries remained, economies crumbled, and the onslaught of the Great Depression was poised to put the morale of mankind at an all-time low. People were suffering in unprecedented ways and they searched (perhaps some without even knowing in their hearts) for an answer, a leader, in a word... a king.

Jesus has always been known as King (cf. John 18:37ff), however, in the first part of the 20th century the Church saw this knowledge of and reverence for this true Kingship waning, forgotten amid the confusion and fighting of earthly empires and empty kingships. Might we say the same today, albeit in a different, yet also eerie similar atmosphere of anxiety and frustration?

The Holy Father saw many, including many faithful, grasping at the straws of false hopes and empty promises offered by regimes, movements and self-proclaimed 'kings'. Many grew weak in faith, the Church and Her spiritual and moral teachings made out to be archaic, irrelevant, and burdensome. Dictatorships abounded in Europe and beyond, while secularisation grew. Yet amidst this loud cacophony of hopelessness and confusion, the innate human search for identity, *Hope*... and an answer, grew stronger.

How much this beautiful feast has to say and remind us of especially today, in this 2020 year of strife and struggle, of isolation and distress! Jesus is placed back at the centre and on the throne of the human heart. Jesus reaffirms many -then and now- of the only *lasting Kingship* which *actually delivers what it promises*.

The worldly notion of a king is one who stands far off and acts through his armies from the safe, glorious heights of his castle... but not our King! Jesus is the King who comes and suffers *with* his people. He enters the mess, scandal, and pandemic of our lives! He is not only *on* the front line, He *is* the front line; coming so close to our humanity by freely revealing Himself in the silence of a manger and in the vulnerable depths of the human heart. This is the King who breaks all preconceived ideas of what or who a king is and how he is expected to act. This is our King, and this day we turn our hearts and lives to Him, that our Hope may be fulfilled as the Prince of Peace and Love, *alone*, reigns in our hearts.

Let us take heart after a year of great struggle, and as one Body let us continue to make the journey, with Our King, together.

Fr Trenton van Reesch
Cathedral Administrator

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Thursday Evenings 6pm. Contact office to register you interest. Next Session 26th Nov.

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 23 Nov St Clement, St Columban

Tue 24 Nov Sts Andrew Dung-Lac

Wed 25 Nov St Catherine of Alexandria

Thu 26 Nov 34th week in Ordinary time

Fri 27 Nov Day of Penance

Sat 28 Nov 34th week in Ordinary time

Sun 29 Nov First Sunday of Advent

Legion of Mary

(In Recess at the moment)

Contact: 0431 060 556

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

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.

SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Congratulations to all who were Confirmed on Wednesday evening in Saint Christopher's Cathedral. "Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit" may you now be unwavering witnesses of Christ's Joy to the world. **Bailey Anderson, Francesca Bartone, Zoe Clark, Oskar Doogan, Olivia Doyle, Angus Fraser, Eric Jevardat de Fombelle, Wynona John, Amelia Squires Lamarche, Julian Maldoni, Kyle Mirpuri, Michael Phelan, Wyatt Sides, Georgiana Roper, Clement Triffaut, and Aaditya Zaveri.**

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES — can be found with Planned Giving Envelopes at Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed in collection boxes, in baskets in front of the altar, or dropped into the parish office. Please print clearly.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING AND PROTOCOLS EVENING — 8 Dec, 6.30pm, Haydon Hall. Maria Hicks, IPSS Manager, has been invited to lead us through the latest protocols. **ALL** who perform ministries in the parish are required to attend. Maria's presentation will be opened up to all parish ministries. Please RSVP to cathedral@cg.org.au or 6239 9846.

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.

St Christopher's Book of Life Inscriptions: Parishioners seeking to have names of deceased loved ones inscribed in the Cathedral's *Perpetual Book of Life*, located in the Cathedral *All Souls Chapel*, are asked to make an offering of \$30 per name to the Parish Office by 24 Nov. Each name is beautifully inscribed in calligraphy. The *All Souls Chapel* is open daily for quiet prayer.

Entry to the Cathedral only through front doors for the next

month: A Scaffolding ramp has been erected at the front of the Cathedral. This is required due to repairs to the bell tower roof. For safety reasons the Franklin Street access will be closed until work is completed. The Chapel door will only be used as an emergency exit. Work will be complete in 4-5 weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY—Friday 11th Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall.

Drinks provided. Please bring either a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets will be in churches to indicate what you would like to share. RSVP to Parish office numbers attending and what food you can share—6239 9846.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Boxes in the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's for parishioner's to contribute hamper items (non-perishable foods) and unwrapped toys/gifts. Refer to posters for ideas of items for distribution to families in need. All contributions are required by 14 December. Thank you for your generosity every year!

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT — Fr Trenton will be in Galong this week. Please continue to pray for all of our clergy, that God refresh and give them every good gift to serve God and His people. Fr Norvin will make his retreat in early December.

Youth Group—Next group meeting will be on Sunday 29 Nov. Enquiries to Chiara—chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Young Adults Advent Program Join us Wednesday nights 6:30pm-7:30pm at the side chapel for advent reflections and adoration preparing our hearts for our Lord this Christmas. running from the 25/11 and ending on the 16/12.

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/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, only 139 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are securely stored and destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm 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 your bulletin to the basket, 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.



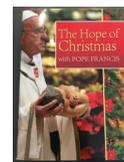
Reaching Beyond 2020—People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. **Palms Australia** will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au; call Roger 0431 995 058/palms@palms.org.au

Jesus Laughing & Loving exhibition—12 Nov—5 Dec, 10.30am-3.30pm, ACCC Chapel, 15 Blackall St, Barton. Exhibited around the world from 34 artists. *"This exhibition is a step towards liberating the person of Jesus from the traditional other-worldly image so that his power and relevance for modern living might be rediscovered and enjoyed"* Rev Tim Costello AO

Christmas Stall—28-29 Nov, 8am-5pm, Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment and items for the comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Phone Pat 0403 797 192.

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

Catholic Book Shop: Consider the Catholic Bookshop for all you Advent and Christmas needs: located just behind the Cathedral and open Monday – Friday 9:30 am to 5:00pm Saturday 9am – 1pm and Sunday 9 am to 1pm starting 29th November until Christmas. As well as books, we offer a wide range of piety goods, from icons to candles to sacramental gifts, and now beautiful Christmas Season gifts, Christmas cards and Nativity scenes have arrived for purchase – we hope you will come and visit us, we are so much more than a bookshop.



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.

Masses for the Holy Souls—During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them. Find out more: www.aidtochurch.org/november

Gifts of Faith—A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

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: Oscar Stanley

Those who are ill: Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum

Anniversaries of death: Loreto PalombiAnna Maria Murphy, Barbara Crossin, Gerald Billings, Dorothy Simmons, Ken O'Toole, Paul Webber, Mario Damo, Shane Christopher Greenwood, Maurizio Scarpino, Milka Fink, Lady Nora Randall, Gladys Robertson, John Robertson, Alma Back, Molly Broash, Anna Murphy, Joan Pederson, Gaetano De Simone, Giulio Pantano, Frank Colvin, Mary Roots, Alison Waldren, Michael (Jock) McGuigan, Blair Brookes, Thomas Green, Alyson Edwards, Vincenzo Belmonte, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell, John Gallagher, David Cusack, Raymond Fry, Jeremiah Lynch

Recently Deceased: Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims,

Readings of the Day – Feast of Christ the King in Ordinary Time —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power forever*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father, David! Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace*

First Reading

Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	21/22 Nov	28/29 Nov		
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Eleanor Noorli	Gabrielle Wright Becky Langworthy	n/a	n/a
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Marcelle Disanayake	Frances Bullock Fiona Wheeler	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Mineke Peerboom Dione Smith	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Lynn Chan Wanda Kaucz	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Bronwen Grey	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Jacob Madden	Rebekah O'Meagher Liz Porra	n/a	n/a

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