



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Corpus Christi Sunday
Year C -
19 June 2022

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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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 (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 (& 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

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

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER

The proverb 'blood is thicker than water' is a profound and true one. Yet not necessarily for reasons we might first think. Many understand the age-old adage to be acknowledging that family ties run far deeper (or in theory should) than other relationships one can have. The truth however, is that over time the meaning of this saying (like countless others before) morphed and mutated. Perhaps because the original quote used the word 'covenant'; not so easily rolling off the tongue!

In fact, blood in the original quote, didn't refer to familial ties at all! Rather, the 'water' marked the connection to family. Water referenced the amniotic fluid, surrounding the baby in the womb. The image of blood on the other hand, referred not to familiar ties but to a covenant. The original proverb therefore rang out: "The blood of the Covenant is thicker (even) than the water of the womb."

On the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* (the Body of Christ), we ask... what is the Eucharist? We know it is not a sign, nor a symbol, nor just a 'reminder'. Rather, the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of Jesus. The very Body and Blood of God.

At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke words which now echo over every altar around the world: "This is my Body, given for you." Followed by words no less strange: "This is my blood, the blood of the Covenant, poured out for you and for all..."

It is this Blood that we drink and this Body which we eat – that creates the greatest bond between Creature and Creator. Recognising this, we see that the Eucharist is not just some 'optional extra'; an incidental to the Christian life. The Eucharist is our Identity and reason for being Catholics. It is the relationship of the God who comes close. There is no other!

We often think of family relationships as the closest and most intimate ones we have. Yet not even these relationships come close to the relationship God offers at the Table of the Eucharist. Here we encounter a God who loves so much, that He deigns to feed us with His very flesh; a flesh so agonizingly suffered in and given up that we might have Life.

In the Garden, Adam and Eve try to snatch Life for themselves. But in the Eucharist, God offers divine life as a gift – something which can never be stolen nor substituted.

Today, we sadly hear—even from Christians—the popular slogan: 'I'm spiritual, not religious.' Yet what does that mean? I don't need the Church? Her ritual, Her Sacraments? What it means, is: I don't need the Son of God. His memory and model is enough. "I don't need the Eucharist..." I don't need to eat His flesh, nor drink His blood.

Our relationship with God however is not merely spiritual. It's physical too. Which is the greatest true of all. God desires an intimate, physical, Life Giving covenant between the Human and the Divine.

On the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, God nourishes and reminds us not only of his extraordinary love for us, but of how close that love deigns to come.

As you receive Jesus into your hands and into your body, pause... and be not afraid to be truly astounded. You hold in your hands the God who made everything, and as a mother feeds her child, so with his own Body and Blood, He feeds you.

Suffice to say, Jesus promised His disciples He would be with them always, even to the end of the age (Mtt 28:20). In the Eucharist, Jesus fulfils this Promise, not symbolically, but literally. In this Sacrament, God lays Himself at your feet and the door of the human Heart.

Indeed, 'blood is thicker than water'. And through this Blood we are bound to God and He to us; in a bond that can never be broken, in a Covenant that will forever endure.

Wishing you a Blessed Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Father Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon June 20 12th week of Ord. Time

Tues June 21 12th week of Ord. Time
St Aloysius Gonzaga

Wed June 22 12th week of Ord. Time
Sts John Fisher & Thomas Moore

Thu. June 23 12th week of Ord. Time

Fri. June 24 12th week of Ord Time
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat. June 25 12th week of Ord. Time
St John the Baptist

Sun. June 26 13th week of Ord. Time

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 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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – Sunday 26th June – 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, followed by our "Family Expo" & lunch in and around the Haydon Hall. 1pm-2pm, workshops in rooms around the Saint Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Join Us!

NEXT VOCATIONS DINNER AND HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG MEN - 6:30pm, 7th July 2022. Contact our vocations directors: paul.nulley@cg.org.au or, trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD – With joy we announce the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Eden Langlands Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, **Friday 24th June, 5pm**, at St Christopher's. Fr Eden's Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered the next day at 9am Mass at Saint Christopher's. We give thanks for Eden's faithful 'Yes' and assure him of our support, affection and prayers.



YOU ARE INVITED, READERS— Sat 5pm SCC, 6pm SPC & Sun 8am SCC, 9:30am SPC. Pls Email our Readers Roster Coordinators: scc.spc.readers@gmail.com

FR STU MOVIE FUNDRAISER — Join us Sunday 19th June, 6.30pm, at **Palace Electric Cinema** to raise funds for the seminarians of our Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn by watching the much anticipated film, **Father Stu!** All are welcome! Tickets are \$30 and are limited. Get yours by scanning the QR Code or contact anh.tran@cg.org.au.



YELLOW 2022 PLANNED GIVING FORM/RENEWAL are now available in foyers. Please complete this form if you wish to *change* your contribution or your details. Direct debit forms are available. **THANKYOU** for your continued and generous support to your parish, especially in what have been very difficult years. It is never taken for granted

2022 GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — an opportunity to support the Formation of our Seminarians. You can make a gift through envelopes, giving at: cgatholic.org.au/goodshep; (02) 6239 9801. For more information: giving@cg.org.au.

May Christ, our High Priest, raise up a new generation of priests in our Archdiocese!

ARCHDIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT - the Code of Conduct is now due for re-signing. Code of Conduct acknowledgement forms for all parish volunteers, regardless of whether they require a WWVP or WWCC card. The Code of Conduct and acknowledgement can be found at cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/ or copies of the acknowledgement. Need help accessing the Code? Contact us in the office.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP: FIRESIDE CHATS first Friday of the month.

Next Fireside Chat July 1, 1:30-2:30pm with Daniel de Valentin on **The Creation of a Portrait: St Joseph**. Please register to join by going to www.firesidechats.org.au



REMEMBRANCE MASS for Etienne de Fombelle, June 23 – Paul, Felicity, Arnaud, Eric and Thibault de Fombelle would like to invite parishioners to join them at 10am Mass (SPC) on Thursday June 23 for their son Etienne's third anniversary

CHRIST IN CREATION' IN OUR CATHEDRAL PARISH. WHAT DOES LAUDATO SI MEAN FOR US? - The *Laudato Si* Papal Encyclical explains a Catholic approach to caring for the environment. Members of the Parish are organising an event to explore the meaning of caring for our common environmental home, to identify the Encyclical's implications for us as Catholics, parishioners and citizens. A focus on the human roots of the ecological crisis, and our response as stewards of creation. **Haydon Hall, Tuesday 5 July, 6.30-8.00 pm.** There will be three speakers, who will each share for 10 minutes, followed by discussion. All welcome.

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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL WORKING PARTY – message from Archbishop Christopher. Please see the Catholic Voice website: catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council/ Enquiries: workingparty@cq.org.au

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR - From 1st July 2022, tax deductions will no longer be available for Planned-Giving in Canberra parishes. 5% of Planned Giving in each parish was previously given to the *Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund*; the only tax deductible component of your offering. That Fund is no longer attached to our parishes. Tax deductibility remains for special Archdiocesan donations e.g. The *Annual Retired Priests' Collection*. In 2022 tax receipts from parishes will no longer be issued. Please contact the parish office if you have any further enquiries. We **sincerely** thank you for your ongoing financial support in our Gospel mission.

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

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer pilgrimage. The campaign runs until the Second Assembly, opening on Sunday July 3. Resources found at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/ Media release: mediablog.catholic.org.au/



ST THOMAS MORE FORUM DINNER 2022— **Friday 24 June** at the Mercure Hotel, Ainslie. This year Paul Kelly, editor-at-large for the Australian will speak on *'Politics and Religion: The Growing Clash'*. For \$90.00 you get a two course dinner, with pre-dinner canapés and wine. Bookings are essential and close on 10 June. To book through Eventbrite, please go to <https://bit.ly/36OhlIO>. Or please contact the Campbell parish office campbell@cq.org.au

SAINT BEDE'S, RED HILL—NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023 [\(02\) 6295 6559](tel:0262956559)

SONGS AND SCONES – St Benedict's School Hall, Sunday June 19, 2-4.30pm. Join highly acclaimed soprano singer and musician, Rachael Duncan. After returning to Canberra in 2006, having spent five years performing in Germany, Rachel has been a regular performer with Stopera and the National Capital Orchestra. Devonshire Tea and silent auction to raise funds for St Benedict's Presbytery renovations. Tickets are \$15 single and \$25 family www.trybooking.com/BZUUF or visit the Parish Office.



We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Santiago McGrath

Those who are ill: Sally Barber, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Medardo Balmaceda

Anniversaries of death: Clarrie and Carmel (Gay) Pickerd, Agostino Loungo, Frs Barney & Paddy Lynch, Kathleen Louise Hogan, Tony Conlan, Geraldine Pearson, Dorothy Black, Emilio Rao, Ron Pearson, Theresa Borg, Catherine Alice Duffy, Raymond Taylor, Luke Robert Webber, David Black, John Millard, Madge Colvin, Thomas Douglas, William Hudson, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Bishop Aloysius Morgan, Fr Peter Cronin, Ian Lees, Patricia Kane, Yvonne Bradley, Andriana Koukari, Ken Roberts, Richard Roberts, Maria Mendes, Patricia Flood, John Connors, Etienne Jevardat de Fombelle, Danny Scorpecci, Patrick Brazil, Judith Hyland, Clarries & Carmel Pickerd

Recently Deceased: Gwen Gleeson, Those killed by gunmen in St Francis Catholic Church, Owo, Nigeria; Berty Jacob, Dr Helen Bourke, Peter Kavanagh, Molly Reid, Wilhelmina Bosman, Children & Adults in Texas Shooting, Mary June Slocum, Cinara Tonga, Mary Prosser, Bill Hibberson, Amelia Mary-Ann Favretto, Peter Cox, Brone Tumsevics, Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbeter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell, Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutten, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas.



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock

Responsorial: You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek

Gospel Acclamation: I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

First Reading

Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Second Reading

1 Cor 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Gospel

Lk 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	18/19 June	25/26 June	
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Jacob Madden	Leszek Buszynski Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Melissa Dixon	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	
8.00am (SCC)	Beck Langworthy Phil Pocock	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	St Bede's Children Liturgy	
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqui Ramesh	Ceciley Matthews Lynn Chan	
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Kristina Faigl	Sarah Miron Francilia Gomes	

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