



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Corpus Christi
Year B
2 June 2024

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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

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

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Sunday: 9.30am

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

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

On the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* (the Body of Christ), we ask, what is the Eucharist? We know it is not just a sign or symbol, nor simply a 'reminder', as some are quick to think. If it is then it is empty, literally. Rather, the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus. The Body and Blood of God. The words of the priest at each Mass – in the person of Jesus – bring to bear the same effects of Christ's words at the Last Supper, here and now.

How fitting that we celebrate Pope Francis' recent announcement of Blessed Carlo Acutis' approaching Canonisation in Rome. Blessed Carlo Acutis is an Italian teenager who died of cancer in 2006 at 15, and is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

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..."

This Blood that we drink and Body which we eat, manifests the greatest bond between creature and Creator. Only by seeing this, can we see that the Eucharist is not just some 'optional extra'; or some incidental to the Christian life. The Eucharist is our Identity and indeed *only* reason for being Catholics. It is the relationship of the God who comes close.

When this fact of the Real Presence isn't grasped (as much as it can be), no wonder people fall away from the church and become lukewarm in faith, I would too!

We can't just live on a memory and an example. Memories and examples are never enough for the human heart. Some claim all they need are the Scriptures, failing to realise that these very pages came from a community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist.

At the Table of the Eucharist we encounter a God who loves so much, that He deigns to feed us with His own flesh; a flesh so agonizingly suffered in and given up, that we might have real Life and not remain distant from the God we crave so much.

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

Today, we can sadly hear – even from Christians – the popular slogan: 'I'm spiritual, not religious.' But what does that even mean!? Perhaps those who say it don't even know! 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.

Blessed Carlo's mother recalls him once remarking: 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football game, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament!'

Our relationship with God is not merely spiritual. It's physical too. Which is the greatest truth 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, but of how close that love has and will come.

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

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

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

Father Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon June 3 9th Week in Ord. Time
St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Tues June 4 9th Week in Ord. Time
Wed June 5 9th Week in Ord. Time
St Boniface
Thu. June 6 9th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. June 7 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. June 8 9th Week in Ord. Time
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun June 9 10th SUNDAY in ORD TIME, YR
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PARISH GROUPS

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.**

PARISH MORNING TEA— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 2nd June.**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Reconciliation classes start **Tues 4 June, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday **3 July 2024**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS to the children of School of Religion who will be receiving the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion this Sunday at the 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral. May you always know how close God is to His people, how He loves you and how he desires you to come often to receive His precious gift: *Cora, Victoria, Isaac & Elijah.*

CORPUS CHRISTI - Eucharistic Procession, Sunday, 2 June, following **11am Mass** at St Christopher's Cathedral. All are invited to honour the feast of *Corpus Christi* in a short Eucharistic procession. The procession will feature prayers, hymns and Benediction.

CALLED & GIFTED— Have you ever wondered what mission has been entrusted specifically to you? Do you feel called to serve God more deeply? Called and Gifted is a discernment process to help us to understand our spiritual gifts, and understand how discerning and pursuing your call can change your life, your Parish and the world! The Cathedral Parish will run the program over 5 sessions from **6.30pm** on a Thursday night in the Haydon Hall every fortnight from **27 June** at a cost of \$38.50 (GST inclusive) per person. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRWOD>.

READ AND FEED: CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB— Focusing on cultivating a deeper spiritual life. Starting with *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits* by Dan Burke – an excellent introduction to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available to purchase from the Catholic Bookstore, Amazon, Dymocks, Parousia Media online store and/or Veritatis Publishing. Don't worry if you can't purchase the book as we'll be reading sections out loud on the night. Held every **Friday 7pm-8:30pm** in the **Haydon Hall**. Food and drinks provided.

Lectors (new and current) for SPC/SCC masses: The parish is seeking lectors for SPC 9:30 a.m., especially SCC 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Saturday vigil mass. If you are interested, please send the following information to the email scc.spc.readers@gmail.com Please Include your name, phone contacts & email. Lectors training - will be on a Saturday morning or afternoon. Time and date TBA.

His Word for Kids is for children aged 2 to the end of primary school. It will run on the last Sunday of every month during the 9:30 SPC mass. To assist in delivering this important ministry please contact marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com. Materials and a program will be provided.



CGVocations
CANBERRA · GOULBURN

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House—2nd Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.



NOTICES

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**

OPEN LETTER TO ACT MLAs against upcoming VAD BILL— show your support in opposing the Voluntary Assist Dying Bill 2023 by signing the petition <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. To find out more <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

St. Thomas More Forum—St Thomas More Parish and Forum Annual Dinner 2024 and 19th Annual St. Thomas More Forum Lecture Engaging an AI Generation **14 June 2024.** Keynote Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry Venue: Mercure Hotel, Braddon Cost: \$99 (Two Course Dinner and Wine) Book Now <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> Or Call 0416823447 or email forum@stthomasmore.org.au

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6pm We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit www.tfo.org.au**



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Cyrus & Maximus Mee, Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Fred Thorpe, Kathleen Ford, Thomas Bradshaw, Geof Gale, 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, Patricia and Bernie Shepherd, Lea Connellan, Kevin and Brede Guthrie, Marie Jones, Uliana Antonelli

Recently Deceased: Agnes Sorrentino, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte, Domenico Barbatano, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Grealley, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Najjes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll,



Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat.

Responsorial: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever Alleluia!

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

First Reading

Ex 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Second Reading

Heb 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

READERS ROSTER MAY				
Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	1/2 June	8/9 June	1/2 June	8/9 June
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Becky Langworthy Crystal Lavien		
8.00am (SCC)	Becky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am	Kristina Faigl	Raphael Molu		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Bianca Goh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher	Anthony Brierley Rebekah O'Meagher		

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