

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

2nd Sunday of Easter
Year C -
24 April 2022



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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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

With the joy of the Resurrection fresh in our minds and hearts, we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Saint John Paul II created this feast, driven by a devotion to Sister Faustina – a Polish nun gifted with visions of the Risen Lord. In one vision Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart, from which burst forth rays of light, and His Divine Mercy.

The word 'Mercy' comes from the Latin *misericordia*, meaning a suffering of the heart. Mercy then is a type of compassion, where God draws humanity's misery into His own loving heart. This truth echoes what the Old Testament expressed as God's *hesed*, or 'tender mercy'. In the psalm we hear three times: "*His love endures forever.*" A psalm which rings out today, in a world firmly stuck in a mire of persecution, pandemic and meaningless war.

In the Gospel we see the very human encounter with the Risen Jesus. The disciples are hidden behind locked doors, in fear! Those who a week ago denied and abandoned Jesus are now paralysed by their experience. Yet Jesus now stands in their midst. He's back! But not for revenge. He is not even disappointed in them! Rather, He brings only words of peace. And what is the first thing He does? **He points to His wounds...** Lest they forget! Lest we forget, what the world has done to Him. Lest they forget the reality of sin. Yet he does not follow with a curse or payback... but with Mercy.

Often, after Easter, we slip back into the 'norm'; Easter is 'over for another year'. Yet when we do we run the risk of living as if the Resurrection never happened; and more powerfully, the truth and mercy which flow from it. A few years ago at a Passion play, kindergarten re-enacted the Resurrection and Empty Tomb. There was one little boy (the angel) who was given the critical line: "He's is not here, He is Risen...". Yet when the time came he was silent, struck with stage fright. After a pause, he whispered... "He's not here. He is in prison!" How often do we act as if this is the line delivered of the angel? That Jesus rose, but now, somehow, the merits, the grace of this miracle, and the transformative reality of this event... is now held behind some prison of fear and uncertainty?

Jesus shows his Wounds – and so points to our wounds – the wounds that won us such a revelation of Mercy and Love from our Creator! *Misericordia (Mercy)* – God shares in our woundedness. Our wounds become his, and his wounds become glorified! So much so, that our wounds, the wounds of the church, become the pathway to God! We are not bound nor imprisoned by our woundedness. Rather, we're freed when our wounds are recognised in the light of the risen Jesus!

Let us bathe in the merits of that Miracle and Fount of Mercy. May God draw close to you in these mysteriously joyful Easter days. He is with you, and through His Church, He is turning wounds into fountains, weakness into strength.

Fr Trenton

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 25	Monday of the 2nd week of Easter
Tues April 26	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Wed April 27	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Thu. April 28	Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
Fri. April 29	Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sat. April 30	Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sun. May 1	3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Confession held on Saturday 23 April at St Peter Chanel's Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYERS, CHAPLET, ADORATION AND CONFESSION –
230pm-4pm, St Christopher's Cathedral

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS – you are invited. St Christopher's Cathedral, 8:00am, Mon 25 April. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am.



Project Compassion Boxes: Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes to the Cathedral office or the Sacristy. Thankyou for your Generosity!

ANZAC DAY 2022 – we recall the deep human desire for peace. War, and all the destruction and pain it brings, we long to cast from our minds. Yet may we must never cast away the memory of those who paid and continue to pay the ultimate sacrifice, that we might enjoy the freedoms we do. ANZAC Day is not about war but those who selflessly gave, that we might have. We thank them for their sacrifice and honour their lives and death, their 'ANZAC' legacy, by helping those who are still hurting and suffering the horrors of war, here and now. War wounds... long after the tanks and missiles fall silent. This is the stark truth that we have been reminded of in the broken world of 2022. We pray for all those suffering in theatres of war, especially Ukraine, Yemen and around the world. As Christians we offer the truth and hope of Easter. The only Truth which is able to turn death into Life. *Lest We Forget.*

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all who sacrificed health and life for the good of others, the gift of your peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS 2022 – This weekend at 11am Mass, we welcome all the Archdiocese's multicultural communities! Australia multicultural diversity echoes the true identity of the Church as One Body in Christ. Today we celebrate this richness of our faith, gathered "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev 7:9).



THANKYOU – Thank you to all who contributed to our Holy Week preparations and liturgies. We thank in particular our magnificent Cathedral Choir, with Jaki Kane and our organist Ben Chesworth. Thank you also to our acolytes and sacristans, flower arrangers and all who worked 'behind the scenes.'

Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

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).

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**



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today?

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

PLENARY COUNCIL – PEOPLE OF GOD INVITED TO SURROUND COUNCIL IN PRAYER – Prayer pilgrimage, as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Starts Easter Sunday, April 17, to the opening of the second assembly on Sunday, July 3: visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

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

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27. For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or CentreforLiturg@acu.edu.au.

TRY A DAY at St Clare's College Wednesday 4 May. **Open Evening:** Thursday 5 May. **School Tours:** 10 May; 12 May; 16 May; 18 May; 10 Aug; 20 Sept; 20 Oct. Bookings are essential.

Year 11, 2022 Information Evening: Wednesday 2 June

Register your attendance today on the College website P: 02 6260 9400

E: enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au www.stcc.act.edu.au



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We pray for...

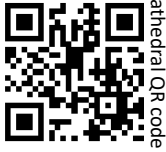
Those to be baptised: Maeve Monagle, Max Monagle,

Those to be married: Emily Sturgess & Aaron Valk

Those who are ill: 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, Fr Peter, Terry Higgins

Anniversaries of death: Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Augusta Savoca, Francesca & Francesco Barbaro, Celestino Morella

Recently Deceased: Amelia Mary-Ann Favretto, Peter Cox, Brone Tumsevics, Joan Waldren, Theo and Iruska Schalbetter-Kaucz, Adrian Sirotic, Salvatore Giorgi, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, John Verrell (Father of Fr Luke Verrell), Marvel Nobleza, Charlise Mutten, Matthew Casey, John De Freitas, Juana de Coll, Victor Salazar, Carlos Coll, Olga Gerathy, Kelsie Small, David Kibbey, Malachi Hurley, Giuseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Responsorial: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors			
Mass	23/24 Apr	30 Apr/ 1 May	
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Leszek Buszynski	Kristina Faigl Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle	Melissa Dixon Mike Nash	
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Phil Pocock Becky Langworthy	
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Wanda Kaucz Lynn Chan	
11.00am (SCC)	<i>Multicultural Mass</i>	Scott Pobihun Edwina Hyman	
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Lynette Yap	Crystal Lavien Annabelle Devitt	

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