



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



2nd Sunday of Easter
Year A
16th April 2023

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YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER

8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

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

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

Monday 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

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

On the 2nd Sunday of Easter the joy of the Resurrection is still fresh in our minds. It is *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Sister Faustina had received this vision of the Risen Lord, where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart, from which burst forth rays of light. A *pail white* recalling baptism, and a *red ray* signifying the Eucharist of Christ's Blood.

But, what is meant by mercy? The word comes from the Latin *Misericordia*, which images the suffering of the heart. *Misereri* means 'to have pity on', and *cor* in Latin means heart. Mercy therefore is a type of compassion – again from the Latin *compassionis*. It is a deep loving identification with one in their suffering.

Mercy signifies God drawing our misery into His own infinitely loving heart.

This image is identical to the Old Testament's expression of God's *hesed* – or tender mercy – *who* God is. In the psalm this weekend we hear: *God's divine love endures forever*. Never to be taken away, never to be dimmed.

In today's Gospel we see the human encounter with the Risen Jesus unfold. The disciples are gathered, locked away in fear! Only a week ago, in weakness, they had abandoned Jesus as he mounted the Cross. Yet now Jesus comes and stands among them. He's back! But not for any kind of payback, or scolding. Instead... we hear the sweetest greeting from the lips of Jesus to those He loves: "Peace be with you!"

Astonishingly, he draws attention to His hands and side, the place of His wounds... Why? Lest they forget, lest we forget what the world had done to Him. Lest they forget the reality of sin. But again, he doesn't follow with a word of blame or retribution...but one of *Mercy*.

These weeks after Easter are always a strange time. Often we begin 'ok, well we're done with Easter for another year'. And yet, when we do, we risk carry on living as if the Resurrection never happened; along with the merits and mercy which flow from this momentous event.

A few years ago I was at a primary school passion play, where each class had a different station to act out. Jesus before Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, the Crucifixion... The kindergartens took charge of the Resurrection and the Empty Tomb. They did a great job! One little boy (the angel) however, was given the critical line to deliver to the girls who would come to the tomb and find it empty. He's line: "*He's is not here, He is Risen...*" That's all he needed to say!

When his time came, he was silent, struck with stage fright. His teacher leant over and prompted him. After a pause and a deep breath, he whispered into the microphone... "*He's not here. He's in prison!*"

How often do we act as if *this* is the line delivered by the angel? Christ rose, fine... but somehow the merits of this Resurrection, the grace of this miracle, the transformative reality of this event... is all restrained behind some prison of my own fear and uncertainty, that I just can't quite get to?

Today Christ shows His Wounds – and in so doing he points to *our wounds* – the wounds that won us such a Redeemer – the wounds that won us such a revelation of Mercy and Love from God! *Misericordia* (Mercy) – God shares in our woundedness, and see how His wounds are now transformed! Our wounds become His, and His wounds become glorified. So much so that our wounds become the pathway to God.

On *Divine Mercy Sunday* we are reminded that we're not bound nor imprisoned anymore by our wounds. Rather we are freed, freed when our wounds are recognised in the light of the Risen Jesus! The great invitation that is given to us in these days, is exactly that, the invitation to live as People who know the Resurrection happened, and who are now changed! Who now embrace and bathe in the merits of that Miracle and Fount of Mercy.

"Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed" that is, "look at the wounds that once pierced them... they are not wounds anymore and *nor are yours!*"

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

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Miss Chiara Catanzariti

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 17	Monday of the 2nd week of Easter
Tues April 18	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Wed April 19	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Thu. April 20	Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
Fri. April 21	Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sat. April 22	Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sun. April 23	3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA candidates and catechumens who were welcomed into the Church and received full sacramental communion at the Easter Vigil. Their faith and commitment are a source of great inspiration for our community, and it has been a joy to journey with each of them over the past eight months!



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, Lectors, Money Collectors, flower arrangers and all who worked 'behind the scenes.'

ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS 2023 - 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).

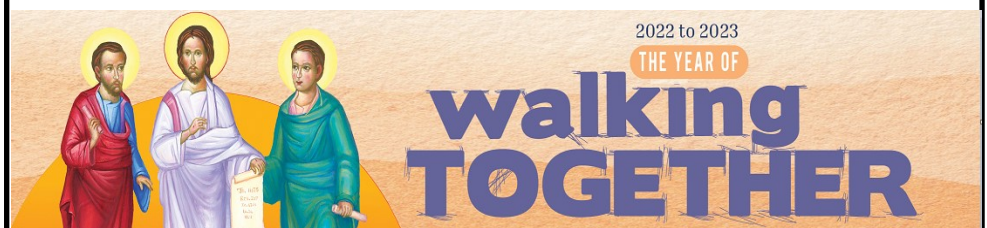


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—Chaplet and Adoration 3pm-4pm St Christopher's Cathedral

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS 2023— you are invited to the National ANZAC Day Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral ACT at 8:00am on Tuesday 25 April 2023. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am.

CATECHESIS— by Fr. Alex on the Sacraments and the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or would you like to learn how to answer questions about our faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you have missed learning some of the basics? Come and join our monthly adult catechesis. Our second session is: **Anointing of the Sick and the Last Rites, Monday April 17, Haydon Hall 6:30-7:30pm**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— Confirmation classes start **Thurs 27 April, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info. Confirmation will take place on Sat 27 May 2023 at 5pm. 1st Reconciliation starts 1 June for 28 June and First Eucharist starts 27 July for 20 August.



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 cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

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.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE— presents 'We raise our voices'. Wednesday 19 April 7.00pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Movements from cantatas by J.S Bach. Soloists Greta Claringbould, Maartje Sevenster and Andrew Fysh, and the CBE choir. Entry by donation, register for tickets through <https://www.canberrabachensemble.com/>

WOMEN ALIVE— Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat on **22nd April 9:30am –4pm at Greg Collin's Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church**, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah. Admission if FREE, BYO lunch. For enquiries please contact: Mission Centre 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house: Thursday 4th May at 6pm. An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact the vocations director to rsvp Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au

Vocations Discernment Day: Friday dinner 30 June to 4pm Saturday 1 July. In the peaceful rural setting of St Clement's retreat centre Galong, this is a time of talks by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other speakers to help a person discern a call to priesthood/religious life. Rsvp required by 23 June to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472. Cost \$50 (concessions available).



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Sofia Letts

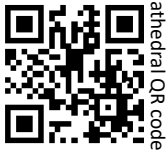
Those to be married: Allan Poon & Lynette Yap

Those who are ill: Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Gallagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donovan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating,

Recently Deceased: Fr Michael Brillantes, Medardo Balmaceda, Agnes Shea, James Goldrick, Karen Lang, Eric Barros, Santina Zavone, Amelia Ciampa, Leon Gerathy, Bishop David O'Connell, Hayden Marsh, Clara Yee, Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday—Year A — 15/16 April



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

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

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

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

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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.

READERS ROSTER APRIL

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	15/16 April	22/23 April	15/16 April	22/23 April	
5.00pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Crystal Lavien Ruth Meadows			
6.00pm (SPC)	Felicity de Fombelle Mike Nash	Tarinya Hannedege Fiona Wheeler			
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Becky Langworthy	Dione Smith Marcus Smith			
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Maria Noronha	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh			
11.00am (SCC)	Multicultural Mass	Edwina Hyman Becky Langworthy	Edwina Hyman Bronwen Grey		Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Solange Pereira Kevin Woods	Francilia Gomes Jacob Madden			

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