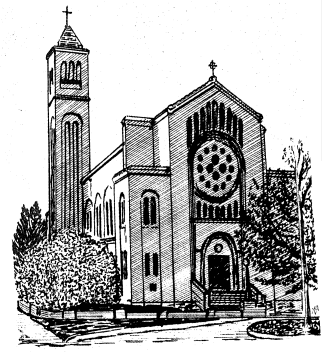


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Divine Mercy Sunday  
Year B  
7 April 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

Monday 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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This feast is a recent development, this is only the 24<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Sunday we've had. The Feast was introduced by Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, a visionary and a mystic. Pope John Paul II reminds us of the importance of mercy, which he calls 'Love's other name', here are some excerpts from his homily, which speak to us today.

"What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences, but the light of divine mercy will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

However, as the Apostles once did, today too humanity must welcome into the upper room of history the risen Christ, who shows the wounds of his Crucifixion and repeats: Peace be with you! Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity.

Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called "to practise mercy' towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5: 7)" (Dives in misericordia, n. 14). He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

His message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man. The love of God and love of one's brothers and sisters are inseparable, as the First Letter of John has reminded us: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments" (5: 2). Here the Apostle reminds us of the truth of love, showing us its measure and criterion in the observance of the commandments.

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

To the extent that humanity penetrates the mystery of this merciful gaze, it will seem possible to fulfil the ideal we heard in today's first reading: "The community of believers were of one heart and one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather everything was held in common" (Acts 4: 32). Here mercy gave form to human relations and community life; it constituted the basis for the sharing of goods. This led to the spiritual and corporal "works of mercy". Here mercy became a concrete way of being "neighbour" to one's neediest brothers and sisters.

It is this love, which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy."

Fr Alex.

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 8	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Tues April 2	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Wed April 3	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Thu. April 4	Thurs. of the 2nd week of Easter St Stanislaus
Fri. April 5	Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sat. April 6	Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sun April 7	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

## 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 next week to the Cathedral office or the Sacristy. Thank you 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 6 months!

**Multicultural Mass with Archbishop Prowse—7 April, 11am.** The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they come together to celebrate their multicultural heritage in the Year of the Holy Spirit. All welcome!



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— 7 April.** Chaplet and Adoration 3pm-4pm St Christopher's Cathedral

**Vocations Discernment Dinner at Gungahlin Presbytery.** Thursday 11 April at 6pm. 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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

**MEET THE MAN - Adoration Hour.** Join us in the Cathedral 7.30pm Friday, April 12, as we continue to celebrate the Easter season with a special night of praise and worship, adoration and spiritual encouragement. Br. John Paul Schryvers MGL will share of his encounter with Jesus through Scripture. There will also be the opportunity for sacramental reconciliation. Refreshments to follow 8:30pm in the Hayden Hall. Please join us as we spend time with the Risen Lord with hearts open to encounter Him in a new way! We would love to see you there.

**CATECHESIS IS BACK!— with Fr Alex.** For the next few weeks we will cover the history of the Church from its very beginning through to today and even guess at what the future of Church might look like. This Monday we will look at the very beginning of the Church. Come and join in, dinner and drinks provided. **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, Haydon Hall at **6:30pm**, bring a friend and make some more.

**Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation— NEW DATE. 18 April 2024** Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at [cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables). Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)

**Three day silent retreat—19-21 April.** For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) for more information

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION—** 1st Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 9 May, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Communion will take place on Sunday **2 June 2024** at the **11am Mass**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

# 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

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);  
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**OPEN LETTER TO ACT MILAs 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>

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**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal—** The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** Online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Volunteers wanted –** Calvary Haydon Aged Care, Bruce. Do you have a few hours each week or each fortnight to volunteer? Can you help aged care residents with pastoral care, take them to the chapel for mass and sit with them, or help with an activity? All volunteers require a Working with Vulnerable People's Card. Please contact 62647406/62647540 and leave your details for Edwina. Induction training will be provided on first day.

**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](mailto:marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com). Materials and a program will be provided.



## 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 to be married:** Joan Antig & Christopher Armstrong, Laura Johnson & Adam Hudina

**Those who are ill:** Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, 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:** Mario Zulli, LaVonne Bobongie, 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, Anita Asuncion Pahate

**Recently Deceased:** John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Naijes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Thomas Fernando (Father of Fr Rembert Fernando), Marie Docherty (sister of Fr Mick Burk), Anthony Kelly, CSM, Maria Crowe, Anna Nguyen Thi Minh (mother of Deacon Don), Suzanne Wall, Dora Marleny Rodriguez Navarro, Kevin Allen, Mark Canning,



# Divine Mercy Sunday—Year B — 6/7 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 are 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 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## Second Reading

**1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel

**John 20:1-9**

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	6/7 April	13/14 April	6/7 April	13/14 April	
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Stewart Unwin Ruth Meadows			
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Becky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone			
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Fiona Wheeler	Raphael Molu Kristina Faigl			
11.00am (SCC)	<b>Multicultural Mass</b>	Bianca Goh Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Kevin Woods	Francilia Gomes Anthony Brierley			

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