



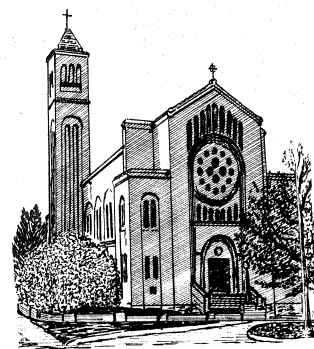
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St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

**1st Sunday in
Advent
Year B -
29 Nov 2020**

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias



**Masses at St Christopher's
will be offered with a maxi-
mum of 139 people present
until further notice**

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

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: 9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am
Adoration): Anointing Mass first
Thursday of the 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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

ADVENT - The Season of HOPE!

Friends, today marks a new year in the liturgical calendar - the season of Hope - Advent. And it comes at the end of a year which has left many with an overwhelming feeling of uncertainty, disruption and even hopelessness. 2020 has certainly 'woken us up', to use an image from the Gospel. However now comes the great promise, the joyful truth which God echoes in every heart! And that promise, is of a God who comes close, bringing hope, especially to places where hope seems most unlikely!

In this first week of Advent, Jesus repeats a warning to his disciples, "stay awake!" But what is it we must be awake to? Of course, all those things that so often take our hearts and minds away from love of him: indifference, inner apathy and lukewarmness, and of course the sin that clings so easily (Heb 12:1). But perhaps this year, more than ever, we are called to *awake* to the temptation and deception of... hopelessness.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, and while often simply rendered as a time of waiting and preparation, this word's origins indicate an even richer meaning with significant implications for the gospel message. A form of the verb *advenio*, meaning to *arrive*, *come to*, or even *develop* - *adventus* can also mean an *invasion*, *ripening*, or *appearing*.

Advent is the time of God's breaking into the human experience and all it entails. Its twists and turns, its joys and immense sorrows. Our God does not stay far off, nor distant like the ancient greek idea of the gods of old. Rather, fearlessly, and lovingly he comes so close, becoming a helpless infant, and so the Hope and Light of the world.

The use of *adventus* in the military homecomings in the ancient world is particularly interesting. In Rome, *adventus*, was used to describe the 'glorious entry' of an emperor back into his capital, often after military victory. In this vein, Advent speaks of the Mystery of God who came and continues to come to us, he 'invades' we could say, the darkness, poverty and mess of my life and your life, here and now. **Hope born into hopelessness.** Entering back among his own; back to claim that which is truly his, you and I. Advent is thus the time to prepare and remind our hearts of the Hope which invades an otherwise hopeless world.

So let us "stay awake", attentive in the most subtle moments of our lives, to the voice of Love which breaks into the world of flesh and blood. The world of pandemic and uncertainty. Let us be attentive to God who here and now, *comes to us!*

2020 has given us moments to reflect on the uncertainty of our lives and life in general. However now, in the gift of Advent, it is the time to reflect on *The Certainty*. The Certainty who now has a face and a Name, entering into our midst.

May we have a blessed and hope-filled Advent - wherever we find ourselves. And let us pray that the peace which only this Child can give, may invade every human heart, which in hope, joyfully awaits his Coming.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Cathedral Administrator

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Thursday Evenings 6pm. Contact office to register your interest. Next Session 3 Dec.

School of Religion

Watch this space for 2021 Sacramental program dates.

Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 30 Nov St Andrew, apostle
Tue 1 Dec 1st week of Advent
Wed 2 Dec 1st week of Advent
Thu 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, priest
Fri 4 Dec 1st week of Advent
Sat 5 Dec 1st week of Advent
Sun 6 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

Legion of Mary

(In Recess at the moment)

Contact: 0431 060 556

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)

Sundays, 8.45am SPC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC

Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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

Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION 'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.

THANK-YOU to all in our parish for the support, affection and care - both practical and spiritual - which has abounded over these months. These have been truly difficult times for so many. Let us now look toward Christmas in this season of true HOPE! A Blessed Advent to All!

Parish Collections: Like many in our community our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council strongly encourage you to please consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES — can be found with Planned Giving Envelopes at Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed in collection boxes, in baskets in front of the altar, or dropped into the parish office. Please print clearly.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING AND PROTOCOLS EVENING — 8 Dec, 6.30pm, Haydon Hall. Maria Hicks, IPSS Manager, has been invited to lead us through the latest protocols. **ALL** who perform ministries in the parish are required to attend. Maria's presentation will be opened up to all parish ministries. Please RSVP to cathedral@cg.org.au or 6239 9846.

Request for Covid Marshalls for weekend Masses— Thank you to those who have offered assistance. The parish office is seeking volunteers who can ensure the correct sign-in procedure is followed at Masses. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

Entry to the Cathedral only through front doors for the next month: A Scaffolding ramp has been erected at the front of the Cathedral. This is required due to repairs to the bell tower roof. For safety reasons the Franklin Street access will be closed until work is completed. The Chapel door will only be used as an emergency exit. Work will be complete in 4-5 weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY—Friday 11th Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring finger food, either a savoury or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets will be in churches to indicate what you would like to share. RSVP to Parish office numbers attending and what food you can share— Email office: cathedral@cg.org.au or call 6239 9846.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Boxes in the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's for parishioner's to contribute hamper items (Christmas treats non-perishable foods) and un-wrapped toys/gifts. Refer to posters for ideas of items for distribution to families in need. All contributions are required by 14 December. Thank you for your generosity every year!

Youth Group—Our last youth group for the year will be on Sunday 6 Dec at 8.45am at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. This will be a Christmas Party. More info: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

ST CHRISTOPHER STATUE APPEAL 2020/2021 - Please take a copy of the Archbishop's exciting invitation to bring a tangible sign of *Hope* to our National Capital. Canberra was always destined to be a gathering place, and so our parish, which was to become our Cathedral, was named "St Christopher's"; Patron Saint of travellers and the 'Christ-bearer'. Please consider giving to this appeal, either online @ www.cgatholic.org.au/giving, by calling 02 6239 9801, or through the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:
www.cg.org.au/cathedral
or contact Parish office
6239 9846.

Christmas Mass Timetable 24-25 December

An online booking system will be set up for Christmas Masses as Covid restrictions still apply. More information to come.

St Christopher's Cathedral

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- 8.00pm Vigil Mass
- 12 Midnight (Carols from 11.15pm)
- 8.00am
- 10.00am
- 11.00am
- 5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's,

- 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- 9.00pm Vigil Mass (Carols from 8.15pm)
- 9.00am
- 10.30am

OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, only 139 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time. Entry to Mass will be through one door.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are securely stored and destroyed after 28 days.
- All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.



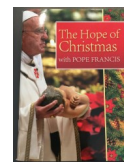
Reaching Beyond 2020—People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

See www.palms.org.au/call Roger 0431 995 058/palms@palms.org.au

Jesus Laughing & Loving exhibition—12 Nov—5 Dec, 10.30am-3.30pm, ACCC Chapel, 15 Blackall St, Barton. Exhibited around the world from 34 artists. *"This exhibition is a step towards liberating the person of Jesus from the traditional other-worldly image so that his power and relevance for modern living might be rediscovered and enjoyed"* Rev Tim Costello AO

St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers—Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year. Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops

Catholic Book Shop: Consider the Catholic Bookshop for all you Advent and Christmas needs: located just behind the Cathedral and open Monday – Friday 9:30 am to 5:00pm Saturday 9am – 1pm and Sunday 9 am to 1pm starting 29th November until Christmas. As well as books, we offer a wide range of piety goods, from icons to candles to sacramental gifts, and now beautiful Christmas Season gifts, Christmas cards and Nativity scenes have arrived for purchase – we hope you will come and visit us, we are so much more than a bookshop.



Engaged Encounter Retreat—20-21 Feb 2021. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Masses for the Holy Souls—During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them. Find out more: www.aidtochurch.org/november

Gifts of Faith—A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsofffaith

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be married: Michael Monagle and Laura Frank

Those to be baptised: Ave Stokes; Sofia Neumaier; Raffael Brugnera Charlotte North; Jaxon Deakin; Joseph Sammak

Those who are ill: Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum

Anniversaries of death: Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Frederick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Mary Pini, Anne Merner

Recently Deceased: Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbary, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin, Beirut explosion victims,

Readings of the Day – 1st Sunday of Advent —Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

First Reading

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Reading

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	28/29 Nov	6/7 Dec		
5.00pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Becky Langworthy	Stewart Unwin Ruth Meadows	n/a	n/a
6.00pm (SPC)	Frances Bullock Fiona Wheeler	Mike Nash Damien Balachandran	n/a	n/a
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Zoe Zavone	n/a	n/a
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Wanda Kaucz	Liz Porra Wanda Kaucz	n/a	n/a
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	n/a	n/a
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebekah O'Meagher Liz Porra	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	n/a	n/a

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